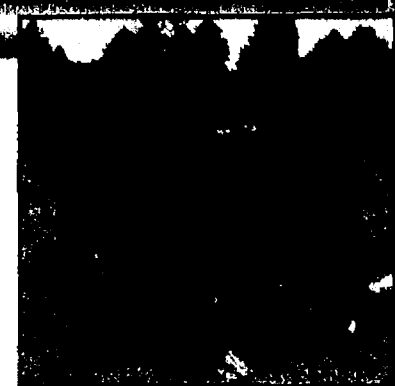




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## Election 2004: County

### What you should know if considering a run for office

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Just a little over a month remains to file nominating petitions in the Democratic and Republican races for all Crawford County elected positions on the August 3 Primary election ballot. The deadline is May 11 at 4 p.m.; independent candidates have until July 15 to file for the November 2 general election.

The offices of Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Prosecutor, Board of Commissioners (seven members) and Road Commissioner (one member) are all up for election in 2004. All positions serve four-year terms, with the exception of county commissioners who serve for two years at a time and road commissioners who serve a six-year term.

Candidates for county office must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the county, but not necessarily a property owner, and a U.S. citizen.

For the last three years, no elected official has received a salary increase. Although the Crawford County Compensation Committee has recommended pay increases, the County Board of Commissioners has unanimously agreed to forego any increase due to budget constraints.

All administrative and department head salaries have also been frozen.

The 2003-2004 county salary schedule states these elected officials earn the following salaries: Sheriff - \$47,360, Clerk/Register of Deeds - \$42,230, Treasurer - \$42,230, Prosecutor - \$82,000, Commissioner (Chair) - \$7,700, Commissioner (Member) - \$7,000, and Road Commissioner - \$4,500. There is no reduction in salary for newly elected county officials.

All positions are full time jobs, with the exception of the County and Road Commissioners, although members of the county board would argue their jobs entail many hours of meetings at the county building and as liaisons to county and regional agencies.

The sheriff manages the county's law enforcement agency, including the jail. He or she is responsible for the budgets of the administrative office, road patrol and corrections.

The clerk/register of deeds is the keeper of all county records, including death, birth and marriage certificates, as well as property deeds. The clerk is also the chief elections officer of the county and chief clerk for the

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## Talented musicians earn recognition at State Solo and Ensemble Festival



Photo courtesy of CASD

Twenty GHS musicians earned 11 first division solo ratings and three second division solo ratings as well as four ensemble first division ratings recently. They are Ryan Seewald, Jonathan Kane, Amanda VanNuck, Austin Andrus, Samantha LeMaster, Summer Coe, Nikki Lynch, Mallory Olson, Kyle Seewald, Michael Salyers, Lisa Adkison, Kip Franklin, Apryl Rugenstein, Jennifer Hoag, Monica Nemeth, Casey Mahaffy, Robert Ramaswamy, Heather Stamper, Ashley Jurkovich and Chelsea Currison. For more, see Page 13A.

## City water and sewer rates inch higher

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council approved a small increase to the city's water and sewer rates on Monday, March 29.

At the council's March 8 meeting, City Manager Allen Lowe said the city's water and sewer fund - a fund that is supposed to be self-supporting through user fees, by law - finished the latest fiscal year in the black for the first time in several years.

"But we do need to address water and sewer fees," he said.

Lowe said the city should consider increasing its rates, in part because the city's auditors recommended the city put money away for future expansion of the system.

"The new meters are helping," Councilman Roger Moshier said.

(The city installed new water meters a few years ago in an effort to collect more accurate readings.)

City Treasurer Terry McGregor said revenues for the current fiscal year for the water and sewer fund are down a little bit. "People are conserving," she said.

On March 29, City Manager Lowe presented his rate increase

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## Last call for school board candidates

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Citizens interested in running for one available seat on the local school board have only a few days left to file their candidacies for the June 14 election.

The seat will be vacated by outgoing longtime school board member Marilyn Rosi who will not seek re-election. During her 12 years of service, Rosi has served as president and vice president of the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education.

Candidates may file nominating petitions signed by at least 40 registered voters in the district, but no more than 100 signatures, or opt to pay a non-refundable \$100 filing fee by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 12. All candidates must also file an Affidavit of Identity regardless of nominating process. Candidates who wish to withdraw from the race must do so by April 15 at 4 p.m.

Write-in candidates have until June 11 at 4 p.m. to file for candidacy.

Petitions are available at the school district's administrative office located at 403 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

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## Special Olympian selected for world games

A journey that began 13 years ago on the bunny slopes at Hanson Hills Recreation Area in Grayling will take a local athlete to the mountain resort of Nagano, Japan next year to compete in the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

John Paul "J.P." Ludwick, age 24, was selected to represent Team USA in the alpine skiing competition. He is only one of seven Michigan athletes selected for the trip and is the only male downhill skier from the state.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program offering sports training and competition to individuals with cognitive impairments.

J.P. became eligible for selection based on a gold medal performance in Level 2 Giant Slalom at this year's State Winter Games, held in February at Schuss Mountain. The world games are scheduled for February 26 - March 5, 2005. Special Olympic athletes will use the same venues used for the 1998 Winter Olympic Games. Special Olympians representing 80 countries will be on hand for the competition.

The number of athletes expected to compete numbers 2,500. The other Michigan athletes will be competing in snowshoeing and Nordic skiing.



John Paul "J.P." Ludwick shows just one of his many medals earned during his years as a Special Olympian.

Competition will also be held in speed skating, snowboarding, figure skating and floor hockey. The Special Olympic World games are held every four years, with the previous Winter Games held in Anchorage, AK.

J.P.'s travel will actually begin before heading to Japan, as he will attend a Team USA training camp at Copper Mountain Ski Resort in Colorado in early December. In addition, he has already begun a training program of walking, stretching and strength training.

J.P. is a student in the COOR-

ISD Adult Transitional Program in Roscommon. He has participated in a variety of Special Olympic events over the years, including swimming, soccer and basketball. However, downhill skiing was the first event he ever trained for and the one he has competed in on a regular basis.

His current classroom teacher, Mary Kleinert, and his job coach, Jane Croze, were his first ski coaches in 1991 when he started in Special Olympics.

While in Japan, homesickness should not be a problem as many members of J.P.'s family

are already making plans to travel to see the competition. His parents, are Paul and Cindy Ludwick, who reside in southern Crawford County. Paul serves with the Michigan National Guard at the MATES facility at Camp Grayling.

J.P. has five siblings, including a younger brother, Terry, who is currently serving in Iraq with the 1438th Engineering Unit out of Camp Grayling. Terry, who is an avid skier, said he is excited about a chance to help J.P. with his training when he returns home later this summer.

The local Special Olympics program, Area 4, must raise \$4,500 to send J.P. to the World Games. Special Olympics does not receive any funds from the government or school districts, so all of it must be raised within the community.

Any individual, service club or business who would like to assist in sponsoring J.P. may contact the Director of Area 4 Special Olympics, Mike Eva, at (989) 821-9658.

Also, collection cans have been placed in businesses around Grayling and Roscommon for those who would like to help J.P. through donations of change. Every little bit helps pay his way to Nagano in 2005.

## Plans being finalized for scrap tire cleanup

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Plans are coming together for a huge effort to collect old scrap tires from every corner of Crawford County.

"Everyone needs to know this free-of-charge old tire collection is a one time deal," said Lee Riley, Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, who is heading up the cleanup. "So, this is a great time to get rid of those old tires laying around in the garage or on your property."

The cleanup is being funded for the most part by a \$4,000 environmental grant approved by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners last month through its Environmental and Recycling Fund. No county general fund monies are being used. Matching funds have been made of at least \$100 each from the county's six townships, as well as from the City of Grayling.

In the past, the county has accepted tires for disposal, from residents only, for a small fee on Household Hazardous Waste Day.

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# The Macombers return

**Macomb Community College's (MCC) premiere show choir, The Macombers, will return to Grayling for one performance on Thursday, April 15 as the third installment of the Command Performance Dinner Series, part of the Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Cultural Events Program.**

This highly choreographed show choir offers an ever-changing musical revue and performs dozens of shows each year throughout the Detroit area and beyond. All members of The Macombers are full-time scholarship students at MCC.

The group has performed with professionals such as The Chieftains, Neil Sedaka, Judy Collins, Marvin Hamlisch, and Tom Jones. The Macombers have performed for everyone from American Presidents and major corporations to local school children.

Tickets for the April 15 performance, in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, are \$27.50 each; tax and tip are included. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

On the dinner menu is the choice of rib-eye steak or broiled trout, real mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh green beans, velvet tomato soup, rolls, lemon layer cake and non-alcoholic beverages.



The Macombers

A cash bar will be available.

Vegetarian and special meal requests are honored and should be made at the time of ticket purchase.

Tickets are available in advance at Flowers by Josie on Michigan Avenue in Grayling or by calling 348-7146. More information about the series is also available at that number.

The GPA Community Cultural Events are made possible by a partnership with area businesses and corporations, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Council approves sign ordinance

► New set of rules for signs in the city became effective April 5

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Following more than a year of creation, discussion, and revision by members of the City Planning Commission, Grayling City Council, a special sub-committee, and the city attorney – and following several public hearings – the proposed City of Grayling Sign Ordinance was ratified by the city council with a 3-1 vote last Monday.

The sign ordinance provides a set of rules for size, appearance, placement, and use of signs within the city limits.

The planning commission created the first draft of the ordinance and the document underwent several stages of revision, going back and forth between the planning commission and the city council. In November of 2003, the city council appointed a sub-committee to refine the

ordinance and bring it back to the council for a possible vote. The sub-committee presented its draft to the city council at the council's March 8 meeting.

Last Monday, at the council's March 29 regular meeting, the city conducted another public hearing on the sign ordinance. Citizens and council members raised several questions and concerns, touching on political signs, yard/garage sale signs, real estate signs, permits, fees, vehicle signs, enforcement, and overall need for a sign ordinance.

"As we all know, this has taken a lot of work. We feel the sign ordinance is necessary and we're trying to make the best one we can," Mayor Joe Ferrigan said.

After closing the public hearing, Councilman Roger Moshier moved to send the sign ordinance back to the sub-committee in order to incorporate the input received at the public hearing. Councilman Larry Akers provided the motion with a second.

"I think we got good input from the community tonight," Moshier said.

Councilperson Kim McClain

said, "I agree with a lot of what was said tonight," but she also expressed a concern that the ordinance "will never be passed." McClain spoke in favor of passing the ordinance and revising it at later meetings as needed.

"This is a living document. We will be forever tweaking this living document," McClain said. "I know it's not perfect and may never be perfect."

The vote on Moshier's motion to send the ordinance back to the sub-committee failed 2-2, with Moshier and Akers voting "yes" and Ferrigan and McClain voting "no." (Councilman Dennis Palmer was absent.)

McClain moved to approve the ordinance as presented (with a few minor clerical corrections), and Ferrigan provided a second.

"I have a problem passing this tonight without accepting the input from the people tonight," Moshier said.

"I didn't come here tonight expecting to approve it," Akers said.

"I would come back next meeting with intentions of revising this ordinance with the input

received," McClain said. "We've been at this for a year and a half. We need to have something in place. We need to get going with it and tweak it as we go."

Ferrigan agreed. "I think we need to move forward. We need to have a sign ordinance that we can live with and work with. This is a good document. A lot of good people put a lot of hours into it," he said.

At the recommendation of City Manager Allen Lowe, McClain added an effective date (April 5, 2004) to her motion to ratify the sign ordinance. The motion passed 3-1, with Moshier casting the lone "no" vote.

## BP robbery suspect sentenced

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Following a guilty plea early last month, one suspect in the December 14, 2003 armed robbery of a local gas station was sentenced on Monday by 46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis.

Daniel Latesky, age 30 of Grayling, learned April 5 that he will serve 6 1/2 to 15 years in prison for his role in the pre-dawn robbery of the BP gas station in Frederic Township where about \$70 was taken by a suspect

wearing a ski mask who threatened the clerk with a handgun.

Police found a plastic toy handgun and a ski mask in a vehicle he and alleged accomplice, Kelly Jo Pratt, were riding in when stopped by a Grayling City Police officer in late January.

Latesky fled from the vehicle but was apprehended days later. Pratt remained in the vehicle and gave information to police regarding crimes she and Latesky allegedly committed in the area.

Latesky was also sentenced to nine to 23 months incarceration for a probation violation, to run concurrent with the robbery sentence.

Pratt, 29 of Grayling, stood mute at her arraignment in circuit court on Monday. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf on two counts of second degree home invasion, one count of armed robbery and one count of intent to pass a false motor vehicle title. All charges are felonies. Trial dates have not been set in Pratt's case.

## Suspect in longtime alley dispute sentenced

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Frederic Township man, found guilty by a jury on January 21 on three assault charges, has been sentenced in 46th Circuit Trial Court.

Michael Joseph Nagy, age 50, was sentenced April 5 on three counts of assault with a weapon, stemming from an August 8, 2002 incident when he allegedly threatened to shoot three of his neighbors following a longtime dispute over the access rights of a nearby alley.

Nagy's personal attorney, Murray Blum, failed to

show up at a sentencing hearing March 8, therefore Chief Judge Alton T. Davis appointed James Deamud to represent Nagy at sentencing.

Before the April 5 court date, Blum resumed his representation of Nagy.

Davis sentenced Nagy to one year in jail with credit for 42 days served and placed on probation for two years. He was ordered to pay \$180 state minimum court costs, \$180 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund and \$300 in circuit court costs.

Nagy could have been sentenced to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine on each assault charge.

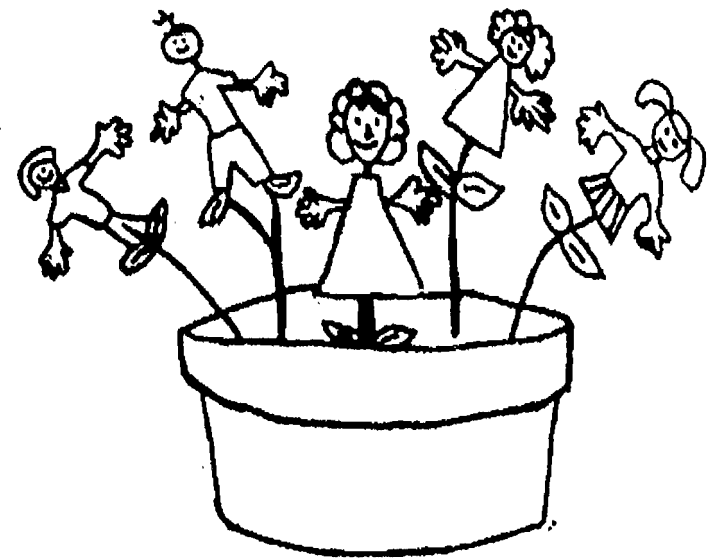
### Correction

In the article entitled, "What you need to know if considering a run for office," published April 1, 2004 in the *Crawford County Avalanche*, the day of the week the Grayling Township Board of Trustees meets was misstated. The Grayling Township Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Mel Gibson's movie is just that: It's a movie

MILLIONS OF WORDS already have been written about Mel Gibson's blockbuster movie, "The Passion of The Christ", so a few more won't make much difference one way or another.

Mr. Gibson has done a masterful job in bringing this story to entranced audiences across the country. The story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ is especially appropriate as the Christian Holy Week observance, and the Easter celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, are at hand.

According to many reports, just watching the movie and reliving the inglorious drama of Jesus' scourging and death have moved countless people toward a deeper appreciation of Christianity and what it can mean in individual lives.

If such expressions of dedication take root and continue, Mr. Gibson's movie has performed a very valuable service.

CRITICS GENERALLY have praised the movie, and most people who have seen it share a positive reaction, although criticism persists that the bible story as presented by Mr. Gibson draws false and unnecessarily negative impressions about the role of Jewish religious leaders during those days.

My own views are tempered by certain personal factors.

Most important is that as a "cradle Catholic" I have been exposed to the story of the passion of crucifixion of Christ for at least 70 understanding years.

Thus to me, the Gibson movie is just that: It is a movie. The story and the characters are very familiar to me, as they are to any long time Christian.

It seems to me Mr. Gibson has taken many liberties with the written Gospels which tell the original story of those days, and has fleshed out some blank spots in the narratives with his own version of how things might have been. Any other screenwriter would be entitled to similar leeway in any other version of the Passion, and in other movies about the life and death of Christ, they have.

Mr. Gibson at root is relating an historical story -- of Jewish religious leaders dealing with Jesus, and Romans administering their form of governance -- and trying to interlace Christian religious feelings into the history.

To reach the spiritual meanings of Christ's life and death, more flashbacks showing the softer and teaching sides of Jesus would have helped.

I thought the brutality of the Roman soldiers was

way overdone, and their repeated beating and jeering of the condemned Jesus dulled the overall effectiveness of the movie's direction.

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AS A MOVIE, "The Passion of Christ" has been marketed brilliantly. It opened on Ash Wednesday, and throughout the 40 days of Lent leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday, it's still running strong in theaters throughout the country.

The pre-release publicity campaign, involving clerical controversy and premiere showings to select church and public leaders, hyped the opening. Many churches and religious groups bought out entire theaters for the opening of the film, and in some cases for pre-opening treatment. Even Pope John Paul was induced to "endorse" the film -- or so it was claimed.

The marketing plan -- including sales of several "Passion" related gimmicks -- such as nails and thorns and books and pictures -- also detracted from any "holy mission" that might be inferred.

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DOLLAR RETURN on the film has been spectacular. Reportedly "Passion" cost about \$30 million to make. Box office in its first five days of release was more than \$125 million, and the film

has been in the top ten money makers each week since it opened.

"The Passion" yet has world markets to hit, as well as its almost certain annual return to American screens. The money mill will keep rolling in.

All of these factors keep reminding me of the simple fact that after all, "The Passion of The Christ" is first and foremost a movie.

It very well may be something more than a movie to many people, but that, of course, depends on each one individually.

The Gibson film admittedly has sparked new interests where none have flourished. Week after week, churches hold discussion groups, and people get together by themselves to discuss "The Passion of The Christ".

This is all good. Let us hope these interests will continue.

Mel Gibson's movie did a good job of telling the story of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In my book, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did it even better.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Grayling Township officials' pay another April Fool's story?

To the editor,

I thought I was reading another April Fool's story on pay for three elected officials of Grayling Township, for knowledge, time on the job and just being wonderful people. We taxpayers of Grayling Township can pay you more than others seeking the same job.

(Re: "Election 2004: Townships - What you need to know if considering a run for office," published April 1, 2004.)

As an elected official myself, I find this hard to understand. Every elected person takes a job based on a value for services rendered and should be the expectation of the office, not based on time in the position.

I have 30 years of management experience and what Grayling Township is saying is they like my expertise in management, but I would be taking the job at \$10,000 less than the current supervisor. Something is wrong in this thinking. I, for one, am troubled at the effect this will give our township and on finding quality people to seek public office.

This has nothing to do with elected officials in these positions now as I believe each does a wonderful job and our township has shown progress in Crawford County. Please keep up the good work.

Rick Anderson  
Grayling Township

## Animal neglect case has not been forgotten

To the editor,

In the fall of 2002, I noticed someone on Old 27 in Beaver Creek Township had put up makeshift pens in which they were keeping chickens, ducks, rabbits, etc. There was a camping trailer on the property, but no one lived there.

After a while I found out the owners lived downstate in the city of Burton and came up some weekends. She had inquired at the Animal Shelter if someone knew of someone who could take care of these animals. The shelter staff informed her they did not know of anyone.

I brought this up during several township meetings, and the township board said county zoning would take care of that because the ordinance states you must have a residence and live in it if you want to have any animals.

I wrote to the property owners, but they did not respond. Sometime during the winter, the animals disappeared but in the spring of 2003, they once again

had animals caged in. I went to a couple of the County Board of Commissioners' meetings and was told they would look into the problem.

In May of 2003, I received a phone call from our township treasurer. She said since I had repeatedly spoke up about the Old 27 property, would I like to meet her and her husband over there. I went to meet them.

The property was strewn with dead chickens. Two or three rabbits were found dead also. There was not a drop of water anywhere. These people had literally left them caged only to die of thirst. They had also called the owners, who said she would come up the next week and did not believe what she was being told.

A call was also placed to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. They could not respond because they were shorthanded due to a fire. The Animal Control Officer was called, but she could not come because she was out of hours for the week

and if she did, she would not be paid.

They then called 7 and 4 News, who said they would come out and they did. The coverage was on the news that night at 11 p.m., May 15, 2003. The next day, everyone had time to come out and see what was going on, said it was a criminal act and that they would follow up.

I went to the county zoning office and was told the situation was being looked into, but things take time. They were less than enthusiastic because Beaver Creek was in the process of preparing their own zoning.

I found out that Deputy Dean Goss was placed in charge of the case so I met with him on June 27, 2003 to find out what was going on. He said he had talked to the neighbors, but they declined to get involved and he did not know there had been any witnesses. I told him of the events of May 15 and filled out a witness statement as did the other two. He thanked me and said he would file his report.

On July 21, 2003, Deputy Goss called me to let me know his report had been turned over to the Prosecutor's Office.

At the September meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board, I asked Sheriff Kirk Wakefield if he would check on the progress of the situation and he said that he would. He called the next day and told me he could not find any paperwork but that he would have his secretary go through the log to see if she could find it. She called me back and asked some questions and said she would get back to me.

It is now April 2004, almost one year since the famous TV news story and I guess everyone is still searching for an answer. Meanwhile the snow is melting here in the north country and soon they will be able to cage up some new animals to torture.

No, I have not forgotten. I have done everything I could... Did you?

Deanne Whiteside  
Roscommon  
(Beaver Creek Township)

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## We do some dumb things that cost us Americans

To the editor,

In response to "We are not dumb Americans" (March 25), we buy bigger and heavier SUVs (sport utility vehicle) that use more gas. We make our toys go faster and faster, causing many injuries.

The speed limit on our expressways is 70 miles per hour

and there are people pulling large trailers going over 80, causing serious accidents.

We file more lawsuits than any other country, making the lawyers rich and our insurance so high that many people can't afford it. We fill our children full of junk food, making them obese and they get diabetes and heart

disease.

We pay our athletes millions of dollars so the average person can't afford to take his family to the game. We demand higher wages and that makes the prices go up and then we want more money.

We have priced ourselves out of the world market and we won-

der why our jobs are going overseas.

That's right, we are not dumb Americans, we just do a lot of dumb things.

Bill Nicholas  
Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's issue.



# BRIEFS

## Senior singles to meet in Roscommon

Senior Citizen Singles will meet on Tuesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at the Tin Fish Restaurant, located at 802 Lake Street in Roscommon.

## Volunteers needed for museum cleanup

The Crawford County Historical Museum, located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will be taking on a new appearance in preparation for the 2004 season. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10, a big housecleaning and reorganization day will be held and volunteers are needed. Coffee and refreshments will be served throughout the day. Any questions may be directed to Kay at 348-7995.

## Business women to share dinner

American Business Women Association (ABWA) of Grayling has been invited to dinner with the ABWA of Houghton Lake on Tuesday, April 13 at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call Carol at 348-9310 to RSVP.

## Rep. Gillard to hold office hours

State Representative Matt Gillard (D-106 District) will hold office hours in Crawford County on Thursday, April 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way in Grayling. Area residents are encouraged to discuss questions and concerns they have about state government with Rep. Gillard during these informal office hours. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-MATT-106.

## Legion Auxiliary members to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

## Class of 1999 planning reunion

Members of the Grayling High School Class of 1999, or anyone who knows a member of that class, the Reunion Committee needs your help. A five-year reunion is being planned for the evening of July 23 and the committee would like every member of the Class of 1999 to be informed, but addresses are needed. Anyone with contact information for a 1999 graduate is asked to contact Jessica (Becks) Barber at jessicamarie38@yahoo.com or call (865) 671-2858 or (989) 619-9451.

## First in series of WWII program April 12

Explore the American wartime experience through scholar-led discussion and documentary film and texts in "From Rosie to Roosevelt: A Film History of America in World War II" at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Come express your ideas and hear the opinions of other community members in a six-part discussion on "The Homefront" with discussions led by Rex Franklin and co-hosted by Friends of the Crawford County Library. The first in the series of these six free events is scheduled for Monday, April 12. Film begins at 1:30 p.m., refreshments will be provided. The series is sponsored in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA), the MacArthur Foundation and the National Humanities Council.

## Sheriff to attend Beaver Creek meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be in attendance throughout the meeting and remain afterwards for additional questions and comments, if necessary.

## Child care EQUIP grants available

EQUIP Grants are available for both non-profit and for-profit child care programs.

The grants are ranging from \$500 to \$3,500 to licensed or registered child care providers offered through Michigan 4C

Association.

EQUIP grant trainings are being offered in Northeast Michigan by Child and Family Services 4C.

An EQUIP (Enhanced Quality Improvement Program) grant

training will be held at Michigan Works on April 19, 2004 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Anyone interested, contact Nancie Kersey at (989) 731-3140 or (989) 344-5144 before April 16, 2004.

## Nursing degree completion program available

Lorrie Jorgenson, program representative for the University of Michigan School of Nursing in Traverse City will visit Mercy Hospital in Grayling April 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nurses may stop by the Gallery to gather information about the University's BSN completion program for registered nurses.

The U-M School of Nursing is accepting applications for the Fall 2004 BSN completion program in Traverse City through the NMC University Center.

The program is completed in less than two years, with one or two classes per semester. Classes meet one day per week with additional clinical time in some semesters. U-M allows

credit for course transfers and pursuing their BSN degree.

All application procedures must be completed by July 1 for the fall program. For further information or to schedule a personal appointment, call (231) 995-1781 or e-mail ljorgens@umich.edu.

## Rivers and lakes concerns main topic of meeting

Those who are concerned with problems relating to lake levels, marine safety, aquatic plants, zoning, working with local governmental units, etc. should contact the Michigan Lake and Stream Association (ML&SA).

The association has been in business for over 40 years and has helped solve problems dealing with Michigan waters. They

can help resolve the issue or make contact with those who have the necessary information to resolve the issue.

The ML&SA is holding their annual conference at Boyne Mountain, April 23 through 25. Advance registrations are being accepted now. Those who do not pre-register may register at the door at 8 a.m. April 23. The first

session starts at 9 a.m.

Concurrent sessions begin April 24 from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eight new topics and speakers will be available. On April 25 there will be concurrent sessions from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For a complete program guide and an outline of topics and speakers visit the ML&SA website at www.mlswa.org.

## Town meeting held at courthouse



Photo by Susan Warrington

U.S. Representative Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) held a town meeting at the Crawford County Building April 5. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting, where Stupak discussed the proposed federal budget, showed a video on the new Medicare drug bill, and discussed items of concern brought up by the audience. This was one of seven meetings Stupak is holding throughout his district during the two-week Congressional hiatus.

## Event planned for Crime Victims' Rights Week

During the week of April 18-24, crime victims and survivors, victim service providers, criminal and juvenile justice and allied professionals, and community volunteers will join together across America to commemorate the 24th anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This year's theme, "Victim Rights: America's Values," helps everyone recognize that when the community values equal rights for all Americans, safety and protection for those who have been victimized, and justice for all, the community values crime victims' rights and services.

Since 1972, the victim assistance field has worked to ensure that crime victims are treated with compassion and respect; that they are informed of their rights and involved in justice's processes as more than just witnesses; and that they are aware of victim assistance and compensation programs that can help them cope with the aftermath of

crime.

Over 30,000 laws have been passed at the federal, state and local levels that promote victims' rights and services.

On Wednesday, April 21, Crawford County Victim Services and River House Shelter have scheduled a community activity. Starting at 5 p.m., River House Shelter employees and guests will walk to the Courthouse where, at 5:30 p.m., not only victims of crime will be honored, but also those who bring honor to victims on a daily basis.

Members of the community are invited and all people who share in the core value of equal justice for all Americans are encouraged to join in the commemoration of 2004 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Crawford County Victim Services at (989) 344-3248 or River House Shelter at (989) 348-3169.

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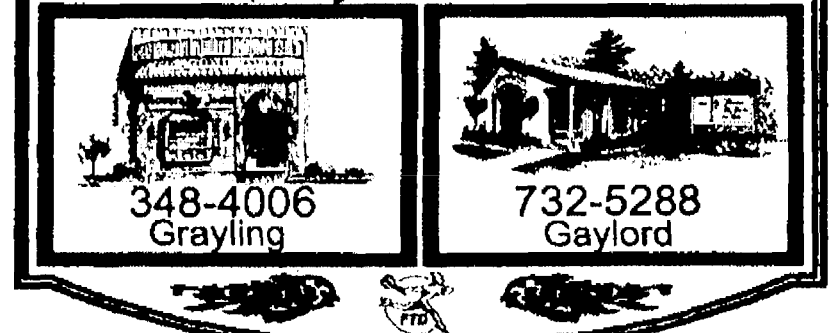
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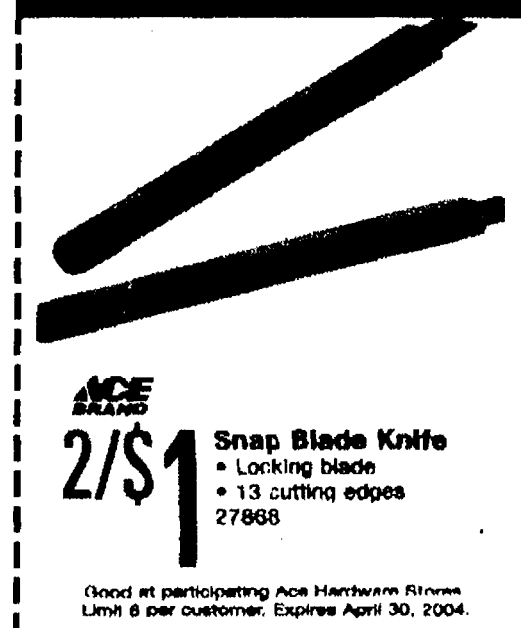
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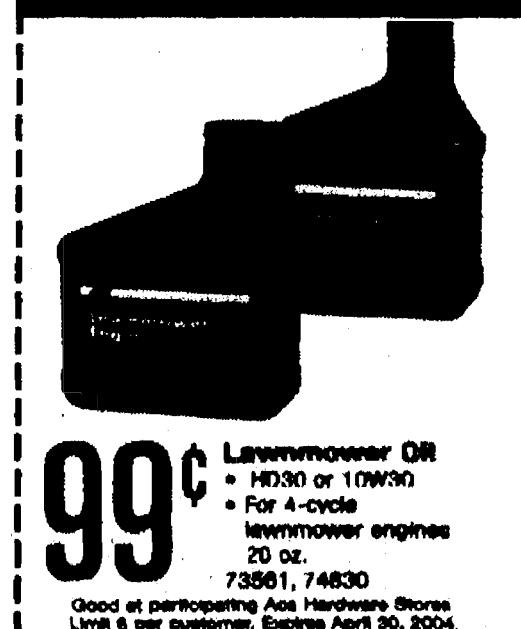
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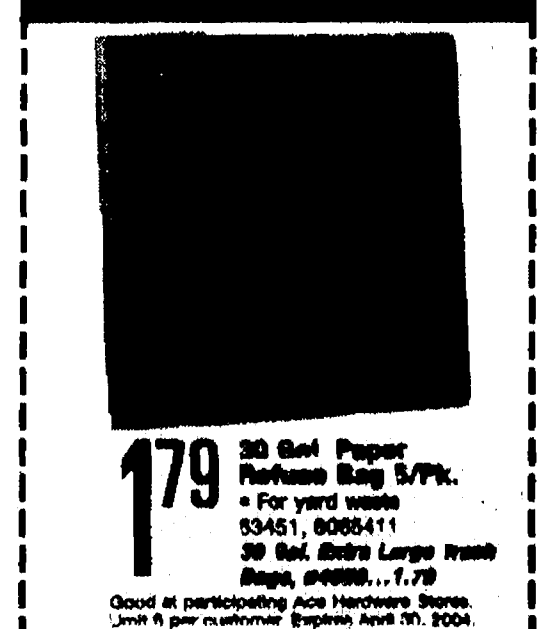
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## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Eagles Auxiliary

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 Charity Raffle Winners (License #54983) - 1. Kenny Jones - Vinyl Glider with Ottoman; 2. Vi Roberts - Dolphin Statue; and 3. Elsie McMurtrie - Complete

### Picnic Basket.

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending April 4 - winners of \$25 each: Allan Smith, Linda Goinick, Cheryll Ruley, Michelle Helsel.



# The Bible Speaks

## Living Love

The world hates the gospel of Jesus Christ because they only see hatred and violence in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It makes the world uncomfortable because the death of Christ proves the extent of human depravity and injustice. But when Christians see the cross of Jesus Christ they see the love of a living God. As Christ said in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As John revealed to us in 1 John 4:9, 10, 19: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 19 We love him, because he first loved us."

The living love of God at Calvary stands out even more when it is contrasted with our sinful lives. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Rom. 5:8-10). As Paul said in 2 Cor. 5:21: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

The world sees only hatred and violence in the blood of Jesus Christ, but Christians see God's love for us. His blood shed for our redemption is

precious to us as Peter said in 1 Pet. 1:19: "the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." God purchased us with His own blood. (Acts 20:28). His blood is our propitiation. (Rom. 3:25). His blood is our justification. (Rom. 5:9). His blood is our redemption. (Eph. 1:7). His blood was shed for our forgiveness. (Col. 1:14). His blood is our access into God's presence. (Heb. 10:19). His blood is our sanctification. (Heb. 13:12). Jesus Christ is our prophet, priest, and king who washed us from sins in His own blood because He loved us. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev. 1:5). The loving sacrifice of the blood of Jesus Christ obtained our redemption once and for all. "By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb. 9:12)

So Christians do not worship a dead Christ, but a living God of love. When people talk about other religious leaders it is usually in the past tense. They ask "Who was Buddha? Who was Osiris? Who was Juno? Who was Horus? Who was Apollo? Who was Venus? Who was Confucius? But when they ask about Jesus Christ they say, "Who is Jesus Christ?" They ask "Who is Jesus Christ?" because He is the living God! Romans 1:4 tells us Jesus Christ is "Declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." As Jesus Christ said in Rev. 1:18: "I am he that liveth, and was

dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

The resurrection sets Jesus Christ apart from the thousands of human gods around the world. It is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ God proved His power to save us. "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Eph. 1:19-23). As Peter said in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Exchange students share Arabic culture



Photo courtesy of Crawford County Peaceseekers

Middle Eastern exchange students Rahaf Zakaria, Hadeel Daloul, Thaeir Al-Madhoun, and Mohammad Al-Makhafi spoke to about 250 students total at Grayling's high, middle and elementary schools on March 21.

Four Arab exchange students found cold weather but a warm welcome during a weekend visit to Grayling, March 21-23.

Through a State Department grant to foster cultural exchange and understanding, the ASSE International exchange program brought the four Middle Eastern students to the Grand Rapids area for one school year. All are practicing Muslims who earned security clearances and are living with American families.

Their short visit to Grayling was arranged by local resident Cathy Lester, a member of the Crawford County Peaceseekers anti-war activist group.

Palestinians Hadeel Daloul and Thaeir Al-Madhoun, Syrian Rahaf Zakaria and Yemeni Mohammad Al-Makhafi spoke to

about 250 students total at Grayling's high, middle and elementary schools on March 21. Their visit was filmed for broadcast on 9 and 10 News.

Grayling students showed a keen interest in the visitors, asking all about their lives, including sports, schools, pets and how they could get married if boys and girls are not allowed to date in their culture.

That evening, the exchange students spoke to about 60 people at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, followed by a buffet of Arab dishes. The food was a big hit, with a number of people requesting recipes for the savory cuisine.

The two Palestinian teens also had to field some uncomfortable political questions, which they

handled well, trying to give an honest explanation of what it is like for them to live in Gaza and the West Bank.

Daloul, Zakaria and Al-Madhoun stayed in Grayling for another day as guests of local families and attended the Grayling Vikings' basketball play-off game on Saturday. They even squeezed in a brief but fun try at skiing.

Upon their departure, the exchange students commented on how they will long remember their visit and the friendship they encountered in Grayling.

Host families are needed for students such as these four in the 2004-2005 school year. For more information, call Margaret Orao, ASSE Representative, at (616) 455-8148.

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**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers  
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974  
Website: www.mmm-umc.org  
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Sunday Worship.....8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School: Sept. - May.....9:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School.....11 am  
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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor Jeff Arthur  
Phone 989-275-1061  
Services held Sunday at  
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Saturday Church Service.....9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School.....10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

**Lovell Community Chapel**  
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Pastor Rev. Gary Hays  
Associate Pastor Larry Hinkley  
8133 Bald Hill Rd. • Lovell  
989-348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult).....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study.....7-8 pm

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Joseph Carpenter - Pastor  
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Early Service.....8:30 am  
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3474 West Park Road, Leland  
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Pastor Gary Wagner  
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....7 pm  
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## OBITUARIES

### Clarence J. Svaluto

Jan. 9, 1935 - Mar. 31, 2004  
Clarence J. "Jack" Svaluto, age 69, of Frederic, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004 at his home.

Jack was born in Detroit on January 9, 1935 and was raised in the Detroit area. He moved to Otsego County in the early 1970s. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Grayling American Legion.

Jack worked at Standard Products in Gaylord from 1978 until retirement in 1997. He enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine, and daughter Janet (Chuck) Gugin of Grayling.

Also surviving is his mother, Julia Svaluto, brothers Charles (Marilyn), Ernest (Cathy), and his aunt, Victoria Cook, all of the metropolitan Detroit area; and several nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his son Richard Hopkins, daughter Cindy Hopkins, and his father, Gene Svaluto.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2004 at Nelson Funeral Home, with Rev. Mike Dunn officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Jack Svaluto through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

### Marie L. Bolton

March 30, 2004

Marie L. (Duncan) Bolton, age 97, formerly of Saginaw, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at Masonic Pathways Home in Alma.

A memorial service was held on April 4 at Emmanuel Church in Saginaw.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the charity of choice.

Arrangements by Reitz Herzberg Funeral Home, Saginaw.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to send a big thank you to all who attended my 90th birthday party on March 27th. Your gifts and thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,  
Arbutus "Bootie" Schofield

### Jeffrey John Hoesli

Feb. 2, 1982 - Mar. 29, 2004

Jeffrey John Hoesli, age 22, a lifelong resident of Grayling, passed away Monday, March 29, 2004 at his residence.

Jeff married the former Kelly Jo Harrison on March 26, 2004 at the Burning Bush Tabernacle in Grayling.

He was employed by Fred Fedak Construction Company and enjoyed snowmobiling, motorcycles, car racing, and life in general.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Kelly Jo (Harrison) Hoesli; children Matthew and Katelyn; parents Teresa (Fred) Raybould and Gerald Hoesli; grandparents John and Beverly Wilcox and Jim and Josie MacQue; three brothers: Aaron Wilcox, Tim Hoesli and Jason Hoesli; two nieces: Amarosa and Erica; and sisters-in-law: Kim, Shannon and Stacie.

Jeff was taken too soon from his family and friends, and will be sadly missed.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home, with Pastor Patricia Petrie officiating.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### In loving memory of

Lorrie Decker Miller  
1963-1993

When we lose someone we love, It seems that time stands still. What moves through us is A silence, a quiet sadness A longing for one more day. One more word, one more hug. We may not understand why You left this earth so soon, Or why you left before we were Ready to say good-bye. But little by little, we begin to Remember not just that you died, But that you lived. And that your life gave us Memories too beautiful to forget... We will see you again someday, In a heavenly place where There is no parting. A place where there are no words That mean good-bye. If tears could build a stairway And memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven And bring you back again.

Love always,  
Dad, Mom Decker,  
Cyndi, Doug, Andrea,  
Brittany Yanniello

## MILITARY NEWS

Sgt. Walter "Chip" Walte Jr., a combat medic assigned to 3/29 Field Artillery of the 4th Infantry Division, redeployed from Iraq after serving one year in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Chip resides in Fort Carson, CO with his wife, Kelly, and son, Tyler. Chip is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Judy Trailer of Grawn.

CWO Brian S. Yoder retired recently after 21 years of federal active service from the U.S. Army. Yoder enlisted in January 1983 as a Cannon Crewmember.

After graduating basic training at Fort Sill, OK, Yoder and his wife, Robin (formerly Robin Fowler of Grayling), moved to Fort Ord, CA. Other duty locations included Schofield Barracks, HI, Fort Knox, KY, and Wuerzburg, Germany.

After 10 years as an enlisted member, Yoder was selected to attend the Army Warrant Officer Basic Course and Flight School at Fort Rucker, AL. Aircraft

qualifications earned included the UH-1 Huey, OH-58 A/C Kiowa, OH-58D(I) and R model Kiowa Warrior, as well as the Kiowa Warrior Instructor Pilot Course.

Duty locations as a Chief Warrant Officer and Army Aviator include Fort Bragg, NC, Fort Polk, LA, Bosnia, Herzegovina and his current location at Fort Rucker, AL.

Yoder, his wife and two sons, Josh and Brandon, have been stationed at Fort Rucker since 2001, where he works as an Instructor Pilot teaching new Army officers how to fly the Kiowa Warrior.

CWO (Ret.) Yoder is now working as a Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) doing the same job and position that he did while on active duty.

Yoder graduated from Grayling High School in 1982 and is the son of Larry Yoder of Grayling and Judy Trailer of Grawn.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, April 8 - Swedish meatballs/Swiss steak; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 10 a.m.; B.P.'s taken 11 a.m. - noon; Out-to-Lunch/New WalMart 11 a.m.

Friday, April 9 - Center closed for Good Friday.

Monday, April 12 - Hamburger on a bun/Beef enchi-

ladas; COA Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 - Hamburger Stroganoff/BBQ Chicken; Bible Study 10 a.m.; Income Tax Service 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Euchre 1 p.m.; Speaker - Hospice Care 5 p.m.; Housing Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 - Spaghetti/Italian sausage; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Hearing Clinic 10 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Birthday dinner 5 p.m.; Auction 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.



## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### LINK BETWEEN CHRONIC ANKLE PAIN & TENDON DAMAGE

Tears in the tendons around the ankle are a commonly overlooked cause of chronic ankle pain. The peroneal tendons surround the ankle joint and may tear from a severe pain or other injury. But because these tears often occur in conjunction with sprains and ligaments damage and are not visible on X-rays, they frequently go undiagnosed. The patient receives treatment for the primary injury but suffers persistent pain. The good news is the MRI exams reveal tendon tears, and surgery to repair them is typically successful. A recent study published in the Journal of Foot & Ankle Surgery showed that 98 percent of patients who had surgery to repair tendon tears head positive outcomes and returned to normal activities.

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P.S. Most pain from peroneal tears will not be relieved with medication, rest, bracing, casting, or physical therapy.

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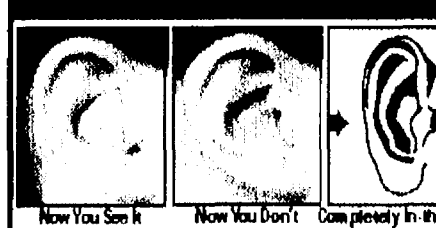
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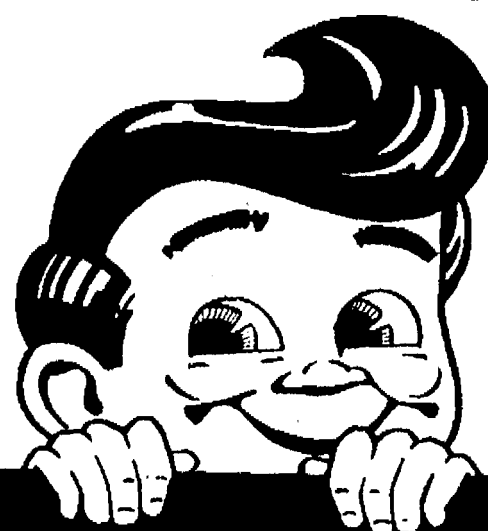
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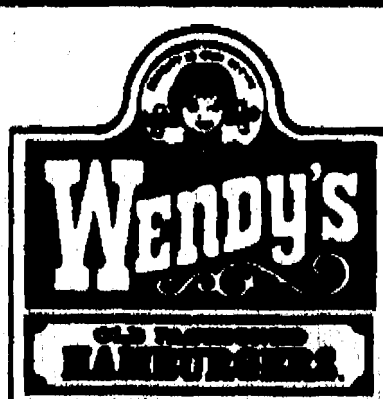
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### Sentencings for March 2004

#### Hon. Francis L. Walsh

Kurtis Raymond Green, age 32 of Vanderbilt - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$405 fines/costs.

Joel Anthony Niedjelski, age 46 of Rochester - Disturbance of the Peace; sentenced to 14 days in jail with credit for 14 days served.

Martin Dale Lozon, age 37 of Grayling - Malicious Destruction of Personal Property Less than \$200; ordered to pay \$560 restitution, sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days served.

Timothy Keith Frost, age 19 of Trufant - Controlled Substance Possession of Marijuana; sentenced to 32 days in jail with credit for 32 days served, driver license suspended for one year.

Phillip Gardner Tatro, age 39 of Roscommon - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,455 fines/costs or spend 145 days in jail, sentenced to five days in jail, placed on 184 days probation.

Martha Grace Burger, age 46 of Charlevoix - Operating While Intoxicated and Open Alcohol in Motor Vehicle; ordered to pay \$1,155 fines/costs or spend 93 days in jail, sentenced to five days in jail, placed on 184 days probation.

Brandon Roger Gorr, age 19 of Grayling - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,455 fines/costs or spend 145 days in jail, sentenced to five days in jail with credit for five days served, placed on 184 days probation.

Michael Thomas LaBean, age 28 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$205 fines/costs or spend 20 days in jail.

Michael John Adach, age 50 of Sterling Heights - Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$445 fines/costs or spend 45 days in jail.

Cory George Klee, age 19 of Frederic - Received and Concealed Stolen Property (valued at) \$200 - \$1,000; ordered to

pay \$855 fines/costs or spend 85 days in jail.

Richard Joseph Roshy, age 18 of Grayling - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,055 fines/costs or spend 90 days in jail.

Robert Dale Tweedly, age 49 of Houghton Lake - Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$895 fines/costs or spend 89 days in jail.

Senta Marie Duncan, age 30 of Roscommon - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$205 fines/costs or spend 20 days in jail.

Jacob Bradley-Alan Cryderman, age 19 of Waterford - Minor in Possession/Transport in Motor Vehicle; ordered to pay \$170 fines/costs or spend 17 days in jail.

Jeremy George Semak, age 25 of Kalkaska - Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$445 fines/costs or spend 45 days in jail.

Clinton Michael Ramsey, age 18 of Frederic - Operate without Security; ordered to pay \$350 or spend 35 days in jail.

#### Hon. John G. Hunter

Michael Alan Moshier, age 24 of Lewiston - Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$245 fines/costs or spend 24 days in jail.

Ernest W-Alex Sulkowski, age 39 of Grover - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Dennis Robert Wakeley, age 47 of Grayling - Operate without Security and Impaired Driving; ordered to pay \$1,605 or spend 93 days in jail.

August Vivian Wisrod III, age 55 of Grayling - Attempted Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$486 fines/costs or spend 40 days in jail.

Jean Marie Robarts, age 44 of Whittemore - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,355 fines/costs or spend 93 days in jail, sentenced to five days in jail with credit for two days served, placed on 184 days probation.

Frank Florence Gannia, age 51 of Grayling - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$925 fines/costs or spend 92 days in jail, placed on 184 days probation.

Timothy Robert Petrowski, age 24 of Belleville - Controlled Substance Possession of Marijuana; ordered to pay \$605 fines/costs or spend 60 days in jail.

Kyle Stephen Maples, age 22 of Grayling - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$445 fines/costs or spend 44 days in jail, placed on three months probation.

Edwin Merida Underwood, age 73 of Grayling - Operating While Intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,455 fines/costs or spend 145 days in jail, sentenced to five days in jail with credit for one day served, placed on 184 days probation.

David Allan Knepp, age 37 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$295 fines/costs or spend 29 days in jail.

Barry Scott Snyder, age 41 of Roscommon - Domestic Violence - 2nd Offense; ordered to pay \$725 fines/costs or spend 72 days in jail, 45 days in jail with credit for one day served, placed on 184 days probation.

Rosemary Laverne Reynolds, age 37 of Grayling - Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$255 fines/costs or spend 25 days in jail, sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Kama Ginnia Case, age 28 of Grayling - Attempted Assault/Resist/Obstruct a Police Officer; ordered to pay \$775 fines/costs or spend 77 days in jail.

Roger Dale Guilfoil, age 24 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$405 fines/costs or spend 40 days in jail.

VanSickle Mathew Guy, age 17 of Grayling - Retail Fraud Second Degree; ordered to pay \$355 fines/costs or spend 35 days in jail, sentenced to 29 days in jail with credit for 29 days

served.

Daniel Lee Crowley, age 30 of Howell - Snowmobile - Operator Suspended/Revoked/Denied; ordered to pay \$305 fines/costs.

#### Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Kimberly Ann Goletz, age 21 of Pontiac - License Suspended/Revoked Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$195 fines/costs.

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With the assistance of Mercy Hospital and West Branch Regional Medical Center I will soon be receiving copies of all tests and labs completed since mid-January so that I may contact you regarding results and further followup. Because our billing system was located off-site I will be receiving a complete patient list with phone numbers and addresses soon. I apologize for the inconvenience this situation has caused you, especially those of you who traveled to the office for appointments after February 10, 2004, because you were not aware of the fire.

It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of your health care team. I have enjoyed learning more about you and your families. My spirit continues to be lifted by your cards, letters, and calls encouraging me to continue the practice of medicine in spite of everything that has happened the past several years. Your continued support is very motivational and certainly greatly appreciated.

If you need assistance or you have further questions you may call my answering service at (989)366-4360 and they will contact me.

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## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following types of complaints during the period of March 28-April 4:

Two traffic control, 13 assist other departments, three traffic warnings, two disturbing the peace, six larceny, five juvenile, two alarm responses;

One check law violation, one B&E, one traffic accident, two private property accidents, five misdemeanors, one felony, two civil infractions, one MDOP, one assault;

Four attempts to locate, two animal control, three suspicious behavior, one enter without authority, two harassment, one purchase permit, and 18 unclassified.

## BIRTHS

Danielle Doemer and Travis Ockerman, of Grayling, announce the arrival of Dominic Scott, born at Mercy Hospital at 11:30 p.m. on March 9, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/2 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches long.

Sara Bindschatel and Juell Joseph Jr., of Frederic, announce the arrival of MacKenzie Dannielle, born at Mercy Hospital at 5:39 p.m. on March 11, 2004. She weighed 6lbs., 1/2 oz. and measured 18 inches long.

Jennifer M. Lawe and Nathaniel A. Niederer, of Grayling, announce the arrival of Brenden Allen, born at Mercy Hospital at 7:34 p.m. on March 23, 2004. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 1/2 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

## HONORS

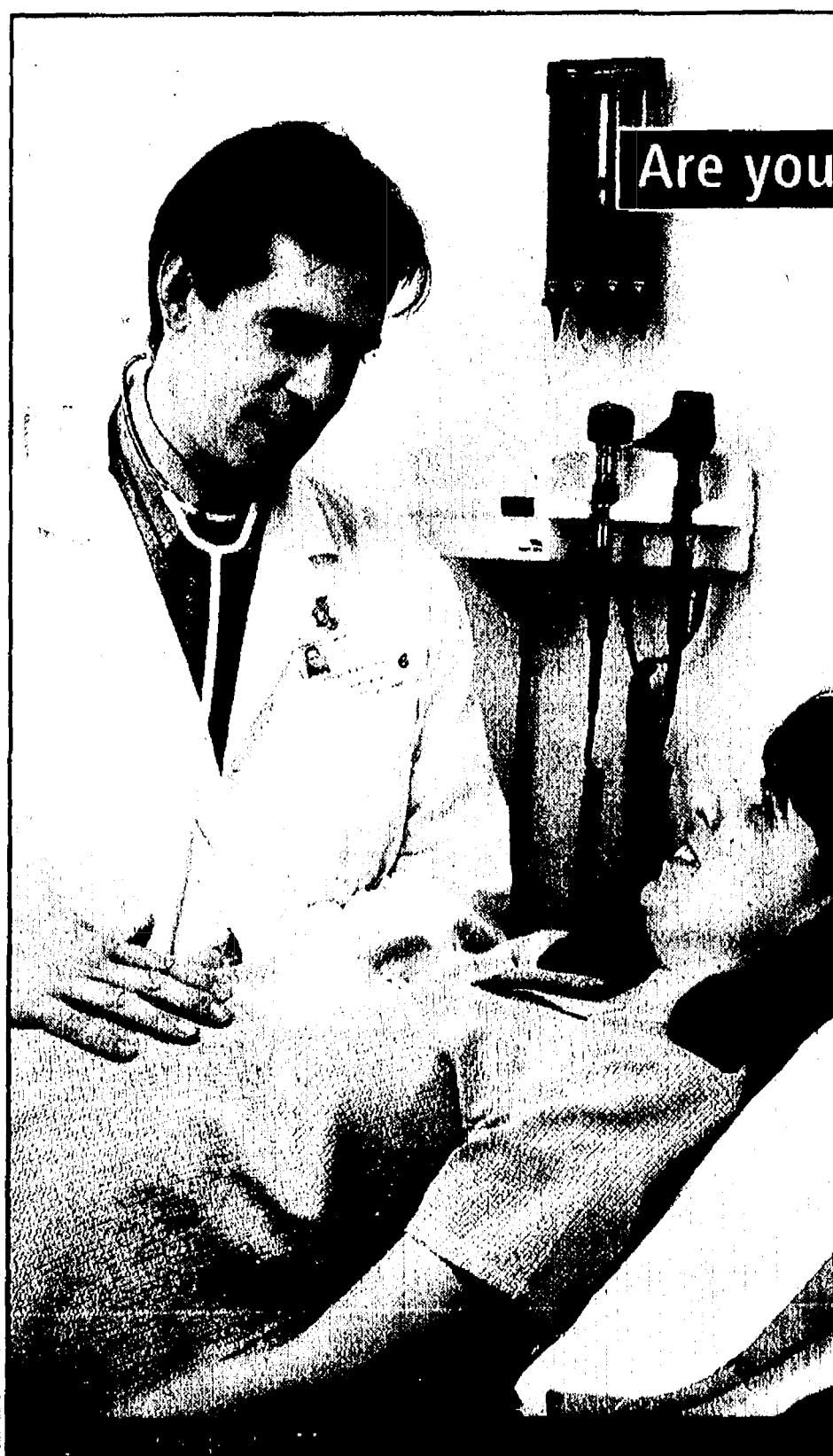
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Anneliese Finke of Grayling has been named to the Dean's List at Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, MA for the fall 2003 semester.

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## New business deals in old money... and new

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

His fascination with old coins began when he was in third grade after a classmate brought in a blue Whitman folder with three 1943 steel pennies. After that Roger Martin, owner of the Grayling Coin Shop, started reading about coins and has continued to study and learn as much as possible about coins.

Although this is his first coin shop he also conducts business on e-Bay, so he already has gotten some experience in the business.

Because he sells on the internet, Martin says he needs to find more coins to keep up his inventory and hopes many people will bring in their old coins for evaluation and possible sale. He cautions that just because coins are old it does not necessarily mean they are valuable, but their value can be determined by examination and checking with various resource books.

Martin has a wide variety of coins in his shop as well as various ways to protect coins such as coin tubes, display sheets, and two by two holders. He also has some older coin books for collecting specific coins and a map of the United States for collecting the quarters currently being minted.

He carries copies of the 2004 coin collectors book which gives an indication of the value of vari-



Photo by Susan Warrington

Roger Martin, owner of the Grayling Coin Shop, displays some of the coins available at his new shop in the Gamble Building on Michigan Avenue.

ous old coins.

Martin said that he is willing to help people with their collections but does not plan to conduct any classes on coin collection. He mentioned he would be willing to visit classrooms to talk about coin collecting.

Through the month of April, Martin will give a newly minted Michigan quarter to anyone who stops in to say "Hi." However, he adds that anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult in order to take advantage of the offer.

The Grayling Coin Shop is in the Gamble Building at 234 Michigan Avenue. The shop will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, Martin may be reached at (989) 348-8309 or toll-free at 1-866-33COINS (26467).

## Lake affected by ice sportsmen leftovers

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

While people who use Lake Margrethe during the winter have not left a lot of debris and shanties on the lake, the problem seems to be on the increase, according to some Lake Margrethe property owners.

This year there is at least one shanty which is believed to be sinking into the lake. This has resulted in a case which is moving through the court at this time.

Debris has also been found on the ice and in some cases wasn't noticed until it was impossible to remove it safely.

Debris, such as heating cans, food wrappers and even diapers, will cause harm when it sinks to the bottom of the lake. They are pollutants. Anything new introduced into a lake has a potential for changing it - including left-over fishing bait.

In addition to polluting, if the debris stays in a semi-submerged

state, it becomes a serious hazard for boaters.

Although the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association has planned a spring cleanup of the lake, it may be impossible to retrieve some of the debris which has fallen to the bottom.

The easiest way to keep any lake healthy is for each person who uses the lake to take all of the stuff they took out on the lake back off the lake when they leave.

## Gillard honored

The Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA) recently honored State Representative Matt Gillard (D-106 District) with the title as "Agricultural Advocate" and awarded him a John Deere Narrow Front model tractor.

Members of the MABA Board of Directors presented the collectible tractor and talked with legislators about key issues during a March 19 breakfast.

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## Lady Huskies finish third at state championship

The Northland Lady Huskies ended their 2004 Special Olympics basketball season with a third place finish at the senior state championships held in Grand Rapids, March 19-21.

The squad, made up of players from Grayling, Roscommon, St. Helen and Houghton Lake ended the season with an overall record of three wins and eight losses.

The Grayling athletes on the squad included Dawn Whaley, Desiree Felver and Cassie Merrithew. The local squad was seeded in Division 2 and opened the event with a game against Farmington. The squad fell behind 14-4, and despite a valiant comeback effort, ended up losing 32-30.

The next opponent was Bay City, a team what had already defeated the Lady Huskies three times this season. This time, it was the Lady Huskies who jumped out to a quick 10-4 lead. However, the locals could not keep up the intensity against the much taller team and fell by a score of 37-28. Whaley helped the attack with a 6-point performance. That loss sent the ladies home with a third place finish.

Over 60 special athletes partic-



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Members of the Northland Lady Huskies, from left: (back row) Cassie Merrithew, Maranda Budd, Phyllis Padulski, Aurora Alchin, Donna Deneau; (front row) Coach Hope Schmandt, Desiree Felver, Stephanie Fairman, Sherri Trevarrow, Dawn Whaley.

ipated in the Area 4 Northland Special Olympics basketball program this year. Besides women's teams, Area-4 sponsored three senior men's teams and a junior

team for athletes age 15 and under.

The program is open to any individual with cognitive impairments who is at least eight years

old. For information on any of the Special Olympics activities or programs, contact Area 4 Director Mike Eva at (989) 821-9658.

## Back from his winter hibernation

Smokey Bear came out of hibernation last week in front of the Grayling Fire Station on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. Spring fire season is now upon us, with extremely dry conditions in grassy and wooded areas all around the county and northern lower Michigan, even after recent rainfall and snow melt. Residents and visitors alike are asked to be very careful with fire and to check with the local DNR office to be sure burning is being permitted in your area. Smokers should make sure they use their vehicle ashtrays. Don't toss a lit cigarette out the window while traveling. Remember, as Smokey Bear says, "A tree can make a million matches, but one match can kill a million trees." On April 5, local fire fighters battled a grass fire in Beaver Creek Township, as well as one in Grayling Township.





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## Grayling Middle School names Students of the Month



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Grayling Middle Students of the Month for February are, from left: (back row) Isaac VanNuck, Deborah Riefstahl, James Haight, Matthew McDonald, Andrew Curriston, Kara Edgerton, Megan Etzler; (second row) Mykel Revord, Mary Mathey, Tiffany Howe, Casey Petrosky, David Ritenburgh, Carl Gaff, Stephanie Gaff, Melissa Eckstorm, Anthony Allison, Josh Luce; (front row) Leanna Yost, Audre' West, Samantha Schreiber, Makenna Harwood, Stefanie Ritenburgh, Damon Hunter, Jacob Myers, Robby Beemus, Cameron Wakeley, Chong Lee, Anthony Peever. Not pictured: Albie Gardiner, Mariah Hawkins, Joshua Jackson.

## AuSable River helped make Reading Month fun

Each Monday during March, "Reading Month," local elementary school students were treated to visits from those knowledgeable of the many attributes of the AuSable River, with the exception of the March 1 kick off with a visit by "The Cat in the Hat" at morning assembly at the AuSable Primary School.

On March 8, the morning assembly featured Joe Smock, Jr. who read *Fly-Fishing with Trout-tail - A Child's Journey*, written by K.H. Lucas. Smock and his second grade son, Nick, demonstrated the tying of a fly, the use of a fly fishing pole as well as the gear/clothing worn by fly fishermen.

The March 15 assembly presented AuSable River race enthusiast Jeff Kolka reading the poem *Summer Night: Canoeing*, written by Barbara Esbensen. Kolka brought his racing canoe and explained the special equipment used, the need for good sleep in whatever you do and safety issues involved in participating in a marathon.

Author Thom Rancour read a draft of his soon to be published book *The Legend of Hartwick Pines* at the March 22 assembly. The book focuses on the logging era in our area and the use of the AuSable River for logging during this time. First draft illustrations were also shared with students. Watch for the availability of this wonderful legend later this spring.

The March 29 assembly concluded Reading Month with a "Read Along the River" book-it challenge drawing.

During the month of March students were asked to read 28 books at home, (two books per landing if following the canoe marathon), to receive a personal pizza coupon and a chance to win a child's fishing pole.

Classrooms were also challenged to read one book per mile or 120 books during the month of March. Classes that met the challenge were entered into a drawing as well. Each student in chosen classes will receive a book for their own personal library collections.

Next year's Reading Month theme will be "Michigan Animals."

Photos by and information



Joe Smock and his son, Nick, demonstrated fly-tying for the kids. Joe also read a fly-fishing book for children at the March 8 morning assembly.



Canoe marathon multi-champion Jeff Kolka shared a poem about canoeing on a summer night and talked to the kids about being a marathon paddler.

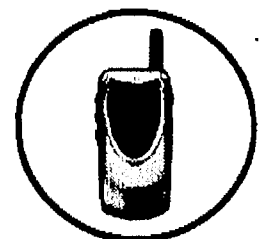


Author Thom Rancour shared his book, *Legend of Hartwick Pines* with local elementary school students.

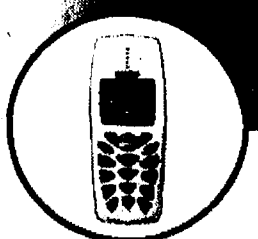
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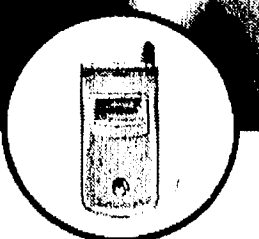
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## Project TEACH calls on Kirtland educators

A team of educators from Kirtland has been chosen for a national project aimed at preparing math and science teachers for tomorrow's K-12 students.

Kirtland is one of just 18 community colleges around the country chosen from among 48 applicants. Its group consists of Marcell Romancky, math instructor, from St. Helen, Denise Kemp, life sciences instructor, from Luzerne, and Karen Brown, associate dean for math, science and health careers, from Bay City.

They're teamed with Jim McDonald, assistant professor of science education, from Central Michigan University.

The group recently traveled to Washington, D.C. for a conference, during which the team developed an extensive action plan on how to implement the project, entitled: Preparing tomorrow's Science and Mathematics Teachers: The Community College Response.

Over the next several months, the team will marshal its efforts to enhance and expand the role that Kirtland, in cooperation with CMU, will play in teacher education.

The effort, sponsored by Project Teach, based in the state of Washington, is part of a continuing initiative to address the critical shortage of math and science teachers at all levels of the American education system.

"It has only been recently that the role of community colleges in the preparation of teachers has been recognized at a national level," Project Teach co-directors Bruce Palmquist and Steve Kinholt said in a letter to Kirtland officials notifying them of their selection to the initiative. "Groups such as Phi



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**The Kirtland team and members of Project TEACH during a recent conference in Washington, D.C., from left: Jim McDonald, assistant professor, Central Michigan University; Marcell Romancky, math instructor, Kirtland; Steve Kinholt and Bruce Palmquist, co-directors of Project Teach; Denise Kemp, life science instructor, Kirtland; and Karen Brown, associate dean, Kirtland.**

Theta Kappa, the National Science Foundation and the American Association of Community Colleges are all supporting these efforts.

Because you were among just a few colleges selected for this

project, you have the opportunity to become a leader in these efforts."

Project TEACH mentors are scheduled to visit Kirtland on May 18.

In October, one member of

the Kirtland group will travel to Washington for continued mentoring and evaluation. The study concludes in March, 2005, following another gathering of the national group in San Antonio, TX.

## Non-profits benefit from DTE Energy Foundation

The DTE Energy Foundation awarded 425 grants totaling more than \$6 million to non-profit organizations in Michigan in 2003. Grant recipients are selected primarily based upon the Foundation's LEAD program guidelines, which foster Leadership, Education, Environment, Achievement, Development and Diversity in the DTE Energy service territory in Michigan.

"These grants reflect the commitment of the DTE Energy Foundation to support programs that help strengthen the fabric of our communities," said Fred Shell, vice president, Corporate and Governmental Affairs, DTE Energy and president of the DTE Energy Foundation. "As we move forward into 2004, we will continue to focus on the Foundation's strategic plan and build awareness of the LEAD program criteria."

In 2003, the Foundation introduced two new grant programs, the Achieving Excellence Awards and the Community Luminary Awards.

The Achieving Excellence Awards recognized community organizations for their commitment to promoting excellence and for their ability to maximize the value of time, money and effort. The grants totaling \$300,000 were awarded to Mayor's Time, Woodward Avenue Action Association, Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Opera Theatre, and the Inner City Christian Federation in Grand Rapids. This program will continue in 2004.

Also in 2003, the Foundation and Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) joined to honor the centennial of Detroit Edison, DTE Energy's electric subsidiary, by awarding one hundred Community Luminary Awards.

The award recognized outstanding leaders and volunteers for their dedication in contributing to the development of Michigan communities and for

inspiring others around them. The award included a \$1,000 contribution to the winner's designated non-profit organization located in Michigan.

During the past holiday season, the DTE Energy Foundation again expanded its Matching Gifts program to include 88 charities that serve the community's least fortunate residents — those for whom food and shelter are continuing issues. This program recognizes and rewards DTE Energy employees' generosity by matching their contributions one-to-one.

Examples of other grants awarded in 2003 include:

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**Education**  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra — sponsorship support for The DTE Energy Foundation Pops Series

**Environment**  
Ann Arbor Teen Center — to support their Youth Leaders training project that equips teens with the training and experience to be leaders in the community.

**Development**  
Greater Grand Rapids Chamber Foundation — to support its 2003-2004 Leadership Grand Rapids series.

**Education**  
Girl Scouts of Metro Detroit — to support the creation of the DTE Energy Science and Technology Program for 40 girls in collaboration with Lawrence Technological University and an elementary school in the Detroit Public School system.

**Environment**  
University of Detroit Mercy — to create a scholarship program called the DTE Energy Foundation Scholars Program, which provides assistance to women and minority students studying in the university's College of Engineering and

Sciences and the College of Business Administration.

**Environment**  
Oakland Schools Education Foundation — to support the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association (OCCRA) competition.

**Education**  
Cranbrook Educational Community, Cranbrook Institute of Science — to support the launch of the Interactive Distance Learning Initiative.

**Environment**  
Calvin College, Grand Rapids — to support the development of an interpretive center to be built adjacent to the Ecosystem Preserve on campus, which will make the Preserve more accessible to students and the community.

**Environment**  
Ducks Unlimited — to support the International Wildlife Refuge Centennial Event, commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the recent dedication of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

**Environment**  
Traverse Area Recreational and Transportation (TART) Trails — to support improvements to the recreational trail system in the Traverse City area.

**Environment**  
West Michigan Horticultural Society, Grand Rapids — to support the completion of the Lena Meijer Children's Garden and the Natural Bio-Filter. The Natural Bio-Filter is a boardwalk through an existing protected biome.

**Development**  
Detroit Renaissance Foundation and Greater Downtown Partnership — to support the projects of the Lower Woodward Improvement Strategic Initiative, including Lower Woodward Housing Fund, Detroit RiverWalk and Conservancy, Campus Martius Park, and I-94 Gateway.

**Development**  
Mexicantown Community Development Corporation, Detroit — to support the construction of an International Welcome Center and Mercado in Southwest Detroit.

**Diversity**  
National Conference for

Community and Justice (NCCJ) — to sponsor its Walk as One event.

**Leadership**  
Macomb, Inc., Warren — to co-sponsor its Diversity Day event.

**Environment**  
International Institute of Metro Detroit — to support its 77th Annual World Market event.

The Foundation provided additional support in 2003 to critical human service agencies, including Focus: HOPE, Gleaners Community Food Bank, American Red Cross, The Heat and Warmth Fund, Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Detroit Urban League and Light House of Oakland County.

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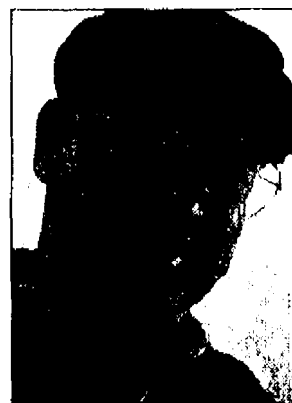
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By Ernie Harwell

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I think we all have to remember that we all make mistakes. We just have to accept them, hitch up our britches, pull up our socks and go ahead and

get to the next project.

A perfectionist really has a tough time in life, because we're all human and we're all going to fall short once in a while. If we just realize that, we can save ourselves a lot of worry and stress that can affect our mental and physical health.

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# What you should know if considering a run for office

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circuit and family court, organizing juror panels for trials in the county and managing caseloads. He or she also records the minutes of County Board meetings.

The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the county's funds. He or she oversees the management of the county's investments, property tax rolls and expenditures. The treasurer works with the county controller and county board to ensure funds are allocated properly and assists an outside accounting firm in the county's annual budget audit.

The prosecutor is the chief law enforcement officer of the county. He or she decides, from evidence presented to the prosecutor's office, whether a warrant for arrest will be issued in a criminal case, whether a misdemeanor or felony. The prosecutor represents the State of Michigan in criminal cases, must be a licensed attorney and a member

of the Michigan Bar Association.

County Commissioners meet once each month as Committees of the Whole (board) and once each month for regular board meeting. Special meetings may also be called to address urgent or special issues.

Commissioners oversee all functions of county business, including funding of each department and court functions through the creation each fiscal year of a county budget. They decide on the need for the creation of a new ordinance, amendment to or abolishment of part or all of an old ordinance. They are ultimately responsible for the county's finances and maintenance of its assets.

Commissioners appoint members of the community to serve local agencies such as the library board, commission on aging, housing commission, planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

Commissioners serve as liaisons to several boards and voting members on regional boards for the health department, community mental health and others that serve the residents of Crawford County. The county commissioners are also tasked with contract negotiations of bargaining units within the county structure, including law enforcement and 911 Dispatch.

Finally, commissioners serve as ambassadors and advocates for the county during travels to other counties and Lansing. They should keep in contact with state and federal legislators to ensure the interest of their constituents remains in the forefront of the minds of those who serve at the state and federal levels.

Members of the Crawford County Road Commission meet twice each month and oversee the budget and management of repairs to hundreds of miles of roads under its jurisdiction.

All county elected officials are entitled to medical insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield and receive no per diem for meeting attendance, nor mileage allowances.

Candidates for all county offices have the option of collecting signatures on nominating petitions or paying a \$100 filing fee that is refundable if the candidate wins election. Each candidate must also file an Affidavit of Identity with the county clerk by the May 11 deadline to have their name appear on the August Primary ballot.

Nominating petitions and affidavits are available at the county clerk's office located in the county building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Questions about filing for candidacy may be directed to Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore at 344-3200.

# Local chapter of MTA formed

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Supervisors and representatives of all six townships in Crawford County have been meeting over the last several

months to create a local chapter of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA).

The MTA is the strongest lobbying group townships have, said Crawford County Chapter MTA

President Lee Riley, who is also Beaver Creek Township's Supervisor.

Statewide, MTA represents 1,242 townships and over 6,500 elected township officials. Its

lobbyists encourage the adoption of legislation in Lansing that best benefits townships and their residents. MTA offers educational and training opportunities for elected township officials through certification workshops, conventions and conferences throughout the state.

In addition, MTA also provides forms, example ordinances and bylaws and maintains a bureau of information and research accessible to township officials and others, including at its web site: [www.michigantownships.org](http://www.michigantownships.org).

At the local chapter's most recent meeting on March 31 at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 13 township board members from around the county met, including all supervisors. The meeting also included a visit from Crawford County Road Commissioner Jim Burch and Managing Director Don Babcock who discussed road projects and answered questions.

The local MTA chapter's goal is to build and maintain a cooperative relationship between all six townships to share ideas, discuss resolutions to problems common in township governance.

# COPS in schools grants awarded elsewhere

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Michigan's two U.S. Senators recently announced that five communities received grant money to put a police officer into schools. The police officers will have the opportunity to meet and work with school staff, teachers and students.

The awards came from a program in the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) which encourages the use of school resource officers to help prevent school violence and in general improve school and student safety.

Unfortunately, Crawford County was not one of the five. Although there are currently police officers in each building in the school district, that will end October 31, 2005 unless new grant monies can be found.

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he has been applying for grants but has had no success, so far. He feels it is a valuable program and would hate to see it end. Although with the tough economic times it has become extremely hard to get grant money, he said he will keep trying to get a continuation of the grant. He added that a great many police agencies are also in dire need of more funding.



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► *First Doubleheader: Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. in Grayling*

► *Team has 14 players: Four seniors, seven juniors, and three sophomores*

► *Baseball Preview 2004: See next week's Crawford County Avalanche*

## Softball Preview 2004

### Vikings to field a young squad in 2004; new coach takes over team

The GHS varsity girls softball program, which plays its first games of the new season next week, will field a young team in 2004. The squad will consist of four seniors, seven juniors, and three sophomores, but many of them played at the varsity level last season.

"It's a young team, but quite a few of our underclassmen played varsity ball last year as freshmen and sophomores, so we actually have quite a bit of varsity experience despite having only four seniors on the roster," Coach Caleb Casey said.

The team's seniors are: Laura Gorski (P, 1B), Emily Harvey (2B, OF), Skylynn Palmer (3B, SS), and Heather Vandecar (1B).

Juniors include: Kelly Dunckley (2B, 1B), Jenni Emmons (OF, 2B), Angeanette Lovely (OF, 2B), Heather Metzger (SS, 3B), Erica Parker (OF), Ashley Prosser (IF), and Samantha Stephan (OF).

The team's three sophomores are: Katie Baynham (C, OF, P), Jessica Henderson (C, SS), and Chelsea Wolcott (P, OF).

"The girls have shown a lot of energy and enthusiasm so far," Coach Casey said. "Our team unity is pretty solid."

The team started practicing indoors on March 15 and was able to get outside for practice all of last week.

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See "SOFTBALL..."



Outfielders: (front, left to right) Katie Baynham, Chelsea Wolcott, Emily Harvey; (back, left to right) Samantha Stephan, Erica Parker, Jenni Emmons. Not pictured: Angeanette Lovely.



Infielders: (front, left to right) Jessica Henderson, Emily Harvey, Katie Baynham; (back, left to right) Skylynn Palmer, Heather Metzger, Angeanette Lovely, Ashley Prosser, Laura Gorski. Not pictured: Heather Vandecar, Kelly Dunckley.



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Cub Scouts watch as the cars are set up for the Bear Pack's race at the Pinewood Derby on March 27.

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# Cub Scouts race cars at Pinewood Derby

## Pack 3993 of Grayling hosts annual event on March 27

Results of the Pinewood Derby, an annual Cub Scout race car competition held March 27 at AuSable Primary this year, are as follows:

### Wolf

- 1st - Tyler Summers
- 2nd - Edward Everson
- 3rd - Grady Smith
- 4th - Ray Morrisette
- 5th - Mitchell Thompson
- 6th - Angel Copenhaver

### Bear

- 1st - Aaron Kiessel
- 2nd - David Somero
- 3rd - Jacob Cochran

- 4th - Ronald Vradenburg
  - 5th - Jacob Robinson
- Webelos I**  
1st - Nick Wells  
2nd - Thomas Burrell  
3rd - Logan Woodley  
4th - Josh Sass
- Webelos II**  
1st - Corey Kiessel  
2nd - Josh Aimesbury  
3rd - Matt Dunckel

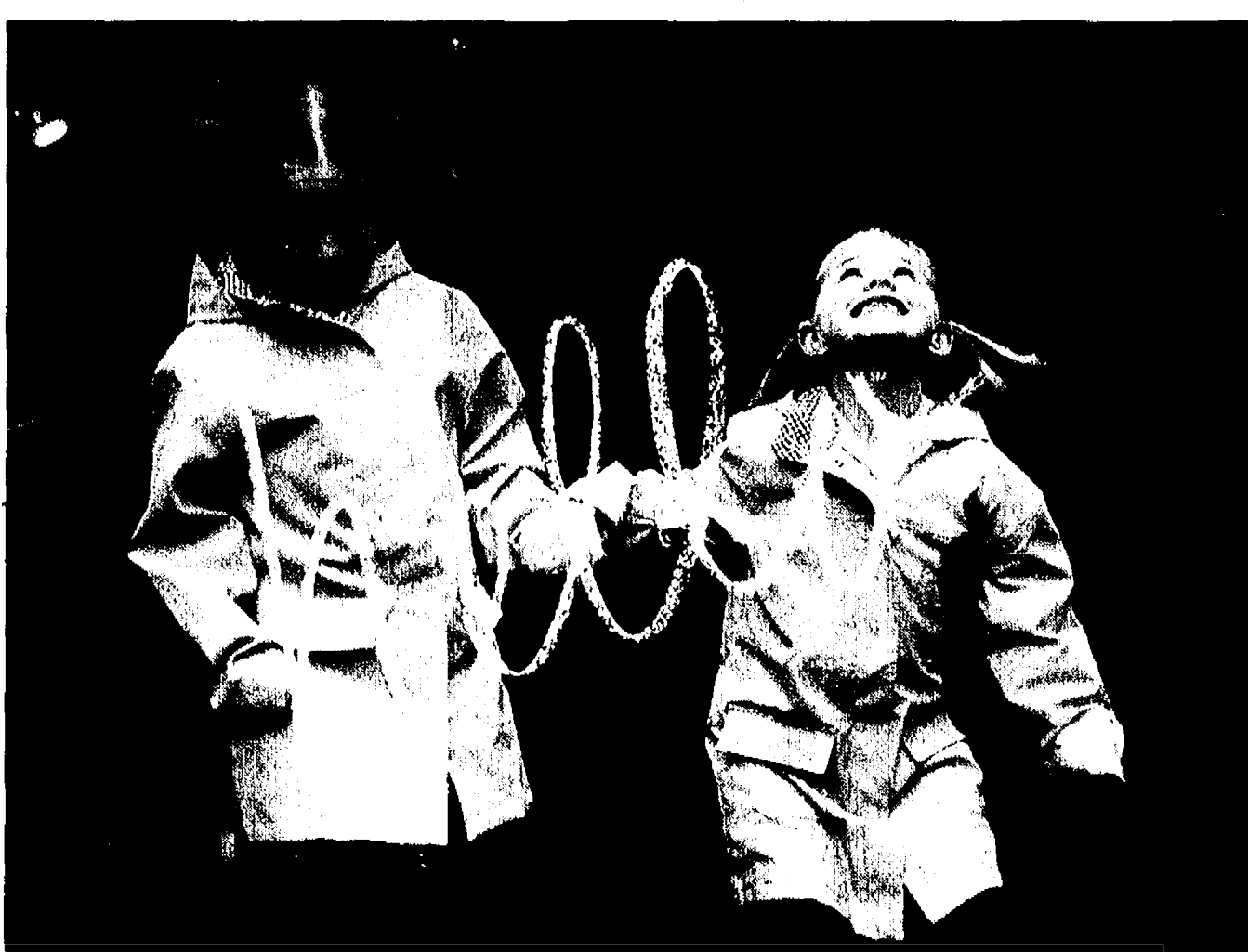
The Pinewood Derby included scouts from Cub Scout Pack 3993 of Grayling. Each scout's custom-made race car was sent down each lane of a six-lane track and times were recorded electronically.

Winners received trophies and medals.

For more Pinewood Derby photos, see Page 3B.



The Wolf Pack watches as their Pinewood Derby cars are set up at the starting gate.



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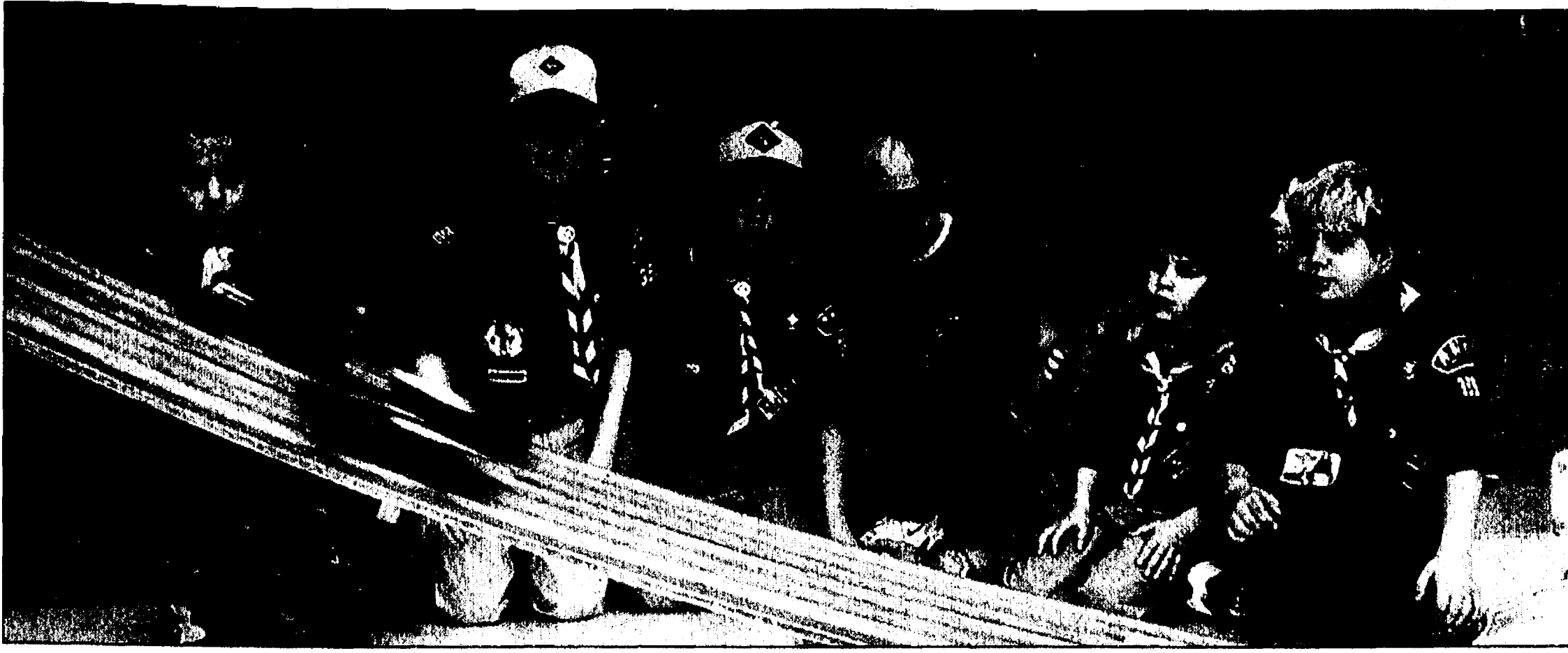
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Scoutmaster Jim Pickell checks the starting positions for the Wolf Pack race.

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The Wolves watch their Pinewood Derby cars speed down the track on Saturday.

## Cub Scouts race cars at Pinewood Derby

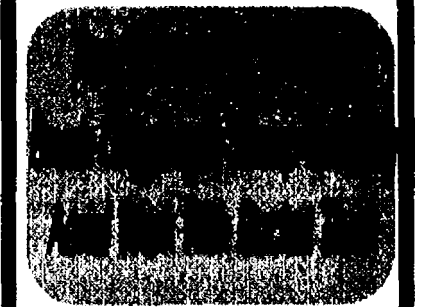


Scouts from Troop 979 and Scoutmaster Jim Pickell set up for the Webelos I race on Saturday, March 27.



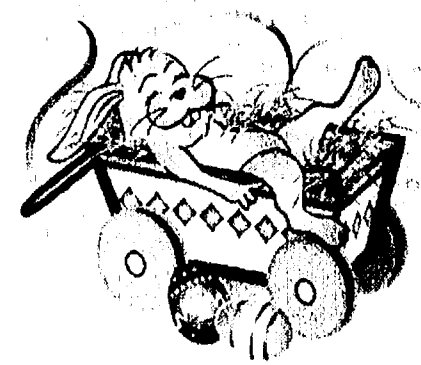
Scoutmaster Jim Pickell places the Wolf Pack's cars in their lanes for the start of one of the race's six heats.

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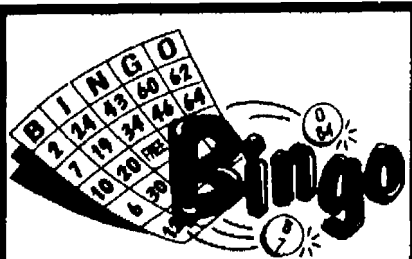
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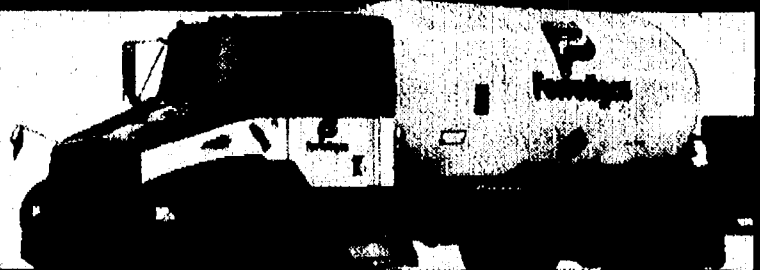
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## Softball Preview 2004

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"We were able to practice outside on our field for three days last week, and - even though we still have a lot to go over yet - that should really help. Three days may not seem like much, but in a lot of previous years they weren't able to get on the field at all before spring break. Some teams didn't get out onto the field until their first game, so in that respect, we were fortunate this year. Practicing in the gym isn't much of a substitute for playing on the diamond," Coach Casey said.

"I think it would help our team a lot to get a couple wins early in the season and build on them, but either way, we'll get better and better as the season progresses. This team has talent and I think we might surprise some people,"

Coach Casey said.

Casey, who has been a Crawford County Avalanche Staff Writer for more than six years, is in his first year coaching the varsity softball team. It is his first time coaching a high school sports team.

"They needed a coach and I offered to do it. That's the short version," Coach Casey said. "I took the job just a few hours prior to the fourth day of try-outs, but the transition was actually pretty smooth. Being familiar with a lot of the players - and them being familiar with me - through my job at the newspaper was a big plus."

(Casey covers sports for the Crawford County Avalanche.)

"What I bring to the job is a lifetime of baseball and softball experience. I've been playing

ball ever since I was old enough to walk. I played little league baseball in Grayling and I played four years of high school baseball at GHS. For the last six or seven years, I've been playing in two, sometimes three, different softball leagues every summer. I play in men's leagues, co-ed leagues, tournaments - whatever I can," Coach Casey said. "I love the game."

The varsity team's assistant coaches are Tanya Wolcott and Arica D'Amour. Wolcott has coached softball, volleyball, and girls golf and D'Amour, who played four years of softball at GHS a few years ago, served as a varsity assistant last year.

"Tanya and Arica have both helped a lot. The players respect them, and they bring a lot of softball knowledge and experience to the team. I'm glad to have them," Coach Casey said.

The varsity team is scheduled to play its first doubleheader of 2004 on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. at GHS. The team plays at Roscommon on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m.

Grayling High School's junior varsity softball team is being coached by Loren Bass this year. Bass also coached the JV squad last season.

The JV team will open its 2004 campaign with a game at Gaylord on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m.

The JV Vikings will host Roscommon on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m.

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Raymond Pyle, a married man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated June 10, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on July 7, 1999 in Liber 485, Page(s) 327, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, and interest, the sum of \$87,902.87, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on April 28, 2004 at 10 a.m. on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale

and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 7.50 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 3: Being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan Described as: Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence S1° 42' W along the N&S 1/4 line, 590.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 1° 42' W 300 feet; thence N 89° 30' 35" W, 375.08 feet; thence Northwestly, 326.34 feet along the arc of a 0° 30' 24" curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11,309.16 feet and a long chord bearing of N 22° 42' 42" W, 326.33 feet; thence S 89° 30' 35" E, 510.02 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC  
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)  
Donald A. Brandt (P30183)  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
(231) 941-9660  
Dated: March 9, 2004

-18-25-1-8-15

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary C. Cunningham, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 22, 2002, and recorded on April 2, 2002 in Liber 575 on Page 518, in Crawford

county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five And 05/100 Dollars (\$38,545.05), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 12, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 36, and running thence South 0 degrees 43 minutes East on the Section line 781 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes East, 330 feet; thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East, 117.6 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes West 330 feet; thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West along Section line 118.2 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence West 33 feet of said tract is subject to the public road easement.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #020040F01

-8-15-22-29

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert A. Donaldson and Connie T. Donaldson. Husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Benchmark Mortgage Corporation a Michigan corporation a Michigan corporation Mortgage dated the 22nd day of April, A.D., 1998., and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of May, A.D., 1998, in Liber 452 on Pages 488-496, and

WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Sixty-five thousand

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 19, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #04-3: Duane P. McKenzie, petitioner  
41-011-04-160-01  
T26N, R3W, Sec. 11  
1237 Corning Court  
NRD Zone.

A request to add an addition of 1,032 sq. ft. to the rear of an existing residence in the Natural River District. The closest point of construction to the AuSable River Mianstream will be 145-feet (including a 23-foot rise in bank). A variance of 55-feet is needed for approval.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Comments regarding these requests may be made in person at the public hearing or signed and dated correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361. No unsigned letters or telephone messages will be considered.

Terry R. Wright  
Zoning Administrator

URGENT NEWS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED

## WELDING RODS

Scientists report that elevated manganese exposure from welding rod fumes has been associated with Parkinson's disease (like Parkinson's disease) and managmanism. Symptoms include shakiness, distorted facial expression, loss of equilibrium, decreased hand agility, difficulty walking, joint pain, loss of short term memory, slurred/slow speech, stiffness in muscles and tremors. If you have experienced any of these problems, call us today toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation to evaluate your potential claim. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

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1-800-THE-EAGLE  
(1-800-843-3245)  
www.1800theeagle.com

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www.narcononstonehawk.com

mortgagee  
Charles A. Forrest, JR.  
Attorney for Benchmark Mortgage Corp.  
703E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503  
Telephone: (810) 238-4030  
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TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
-8-15-22-29  
Legal Action continued on page 8B

### CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY/PROPOSED ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for the non-motorized pathway/proposed ordinance for protection of the pathway trail from town to the high school.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register

### NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

April 15, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Rd, Traverse City
May 20, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
June 17, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
July 15, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Days Inn 2556 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling
August 19, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City
September 16, 2004	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Rd, Traverse City
October 21, 2004	6:30 p.m.	ROOC, Inc 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
November 18, 2004	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 16, 2004	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

### CITY OF GRAYLING RESIDENTS 2004 SCHEDULE FOR YARD WASTE PICK UP

TUESDAY	APRIL 20
TUESDAY	MAY 04 & 18
TUESDAY	JUNE 01 & 15
TUESDAY	JULY 06 & 20
TUESDAY	AUG. 03 & 17
WEDNESDAY	SEPT. 08
TUESDAY	SEPT. 21
TUESDAY	OCT. 05 & 19
TUESDAY	NOV. 02

Yard waste shall include grass, leaves, weeds, garden waste, hedge trimmings, nuts, discarded fruit, small twigs, branches less than one-inch in diameter, cut into four foot sections securely bundled. All yard waste must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags or reusable rigid containers, 30-gallon size or smaller plainly marked "Yard waste." Any bag, container or bundle must not exceed 60lbs.

Collection Schedule. The Contractor will complete all collections for residential services on the designated day, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM within the City, except for the interruptions due to holidays or acts of God (weather etc.). All refuse and yard waste must be properly placed at the curb for collection no later than 7:00 AM on the scheduled day of collection.

Interrupted Collection Schedule. No collections of refuse will be made on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. Where the holiday falls on or before the regular collection day, refuse and yard waste will be collected one day later, unless the City approves other arrangements. Service may also be interrupted/delayed to acts of God (weather etc.). The City will be notified of any service delays/interruptions caused by acts of God (weather etc.).

Yard waste may not be placed at the curb until noon of the day prior to pick-up. (As per Ordinance No. 02-1)

The City of Grayling DPW will pick up brush on Thursdays; unless an emergency arises.

### PROHIBITED COLLECTIONS

The Contractor shall not be required to collect and dispose of the following items: concrete, blocks, bricks, stones, broken glass which is not contained, liquids, liquid paints, antifreeze, oil, tires, propane tanks, hazardous wastes, auto/truck/ATV/trailers/snowmobiles units/parts, etc or any items deemed dangerous to the Contractor's personnel, or equipment, such as, gasoline, ashes, burning barrels or items too heavy to be lifted by an average person, or additional items mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the City.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.  
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Michigan Newspaper Information Service  
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McLean's Ace Hardware

Moore's Automotive

Weyerhaeuser

Scheer Motors

Wendy's

Sylvesters & Wimpy's

Heads Up North

DuBois Lumber & Rental Center

J.Dap Co.

Cornell Insurance Agency

Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty

Upper Lakes Tire

Davis Jeweler

Grayling Big Boy

Grayling Youth Booster Club

Medicine Shoppe

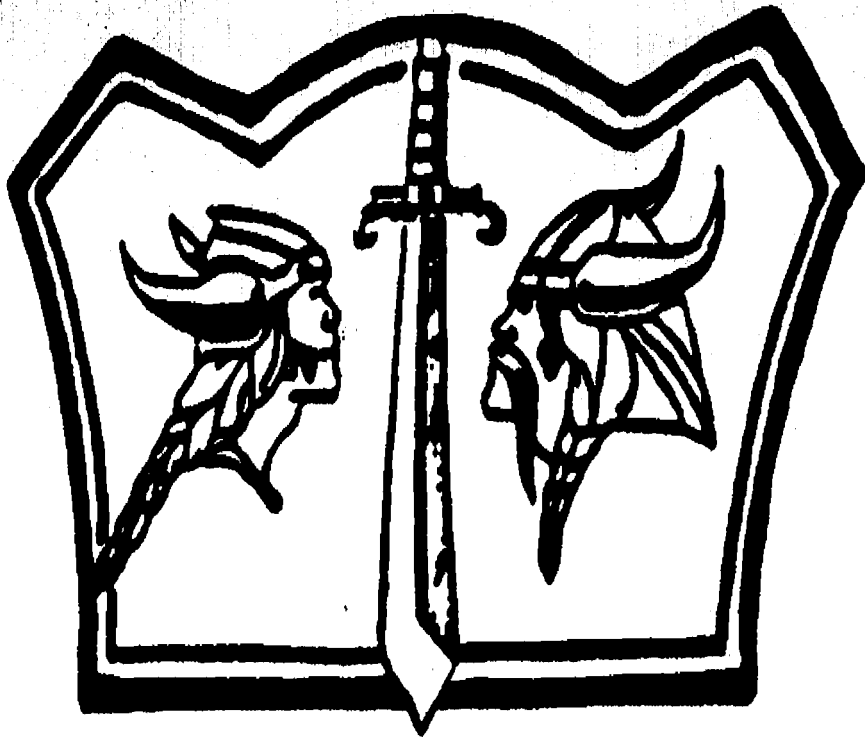
Hart Pontiac GMC Buick

Jansen Insurance Agency

Dr. Denholm

B.C. Pizza

JJ's Motor Mall



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SPORTS CA

Grayling Schools

Grayling Vikings Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 13, 2004	Gaylord	H	4:30	
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Roscommon	A	4:00	3:00
Monday	April 19, 2004	Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:00
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Houghton Lake	H	4:00	
Thursday	April 22, 2004	Elk Rapids	H	4:30	
Monday	April 26, 2004	Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:15
Thursday	April 29, 2004	Boyer City	H	4:30	
Monday	May 3, 2004	East Jordan	A	4:30	2:45
Thursday	May 6, 2004	Harbor Springs	H	4:30	
Monday	May 10, 2004	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:30	2:45
Thursday	May 13, 2004	Hillman	A	4:00	2:15
Tuesday	May 18, 2004	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	4:00	2:15
Tuesday	May 25, 2004	Oscoda	H	4:00	
Thursay	May 27, 2004	Roscommon (not confirmed yet)	H	4:00	
Tuesday	June 1, 2004	Pre-Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	June 5, 2004	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Varsity Track

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Boyer/Charlevoix/Elk Rapids	H	4:30	
Monday	April 19, 2004	<u>Kalkaska</u> /TC St. Fran/Elk Rapids	A	4:30	3:30
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Boyer City Invitational	A	3:00	2:15
Monday	April 26, 2004	<u>Boyer</u> /East Jordan/TC St. Fran	A	4:30	3:30
Friday	April 30, 2004	Mio Invitational	A	3:00	1:30
Friday	May 7, 2004	Gaylord Relays	A	3:00	2:00
Monday	May 10, 2004	<u>Charlevoix</u> /Kalkaska/TC St. Fran	A	4:30	2:30
Thursday	May 13, 2004	East Jordan Invitational	A	3:00	1:30
Wednesday	May 19, 2004	LMC Meet @ East Jordan	A	TBA	TBA
Saturday	May 22, 2004	Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
Wednesday	May 26, 2004	LMC Championship @ East Jordan	A	TBA	TBA

Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Baseball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 13, 2004	Gaylord	A	4:30	3:15
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Roscommon	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 20, 2004	Charlevoix	H	4:30	
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Houghton Lake	A	4:00	2:30
Friday	April 23, 2004	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	April 27, 2004	Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Friday	April 30, 2004	Boyer City	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	May 4, 2004	East Jordan	H	4:30	
Friday	May 7, 2004	Harbor Springs	A	4:30	2:15
Saturday	May 8, 2004	Benzie Central	A	9:30	7:00
Tuesday	May 11, 2004	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:30	
Tuesday	May 18, 2004	West Branch Ogemaw H.	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 25, 2004	Oscoda	A	4:00	TBA
Thursday	May 27, 2004	Roscommon (not confirmed)	A	4:00	3:00

\*Underline denotes site of away meet

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Day	Date	Opponent
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Roscommon
Friday	April 23, 2004	Alpena Invitational
Monday	April 26, 2004	Hillman Invitational
Tuesday	April 27, 2004	Petoskey/Newberry
Thursday	April 29, 2004	Roscommon
Monday	May 3, 2004	Roscommon
Thursday	May 6, 2004	Petoskey/Toumaie
Thursday	May 13, 2004	Alpena
Monday	May 17, 2004	Roscommon
Thursday	May 20-24, 2004	Regionals
Friday	May 16, 2004	Regionals

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Rialto Theatre

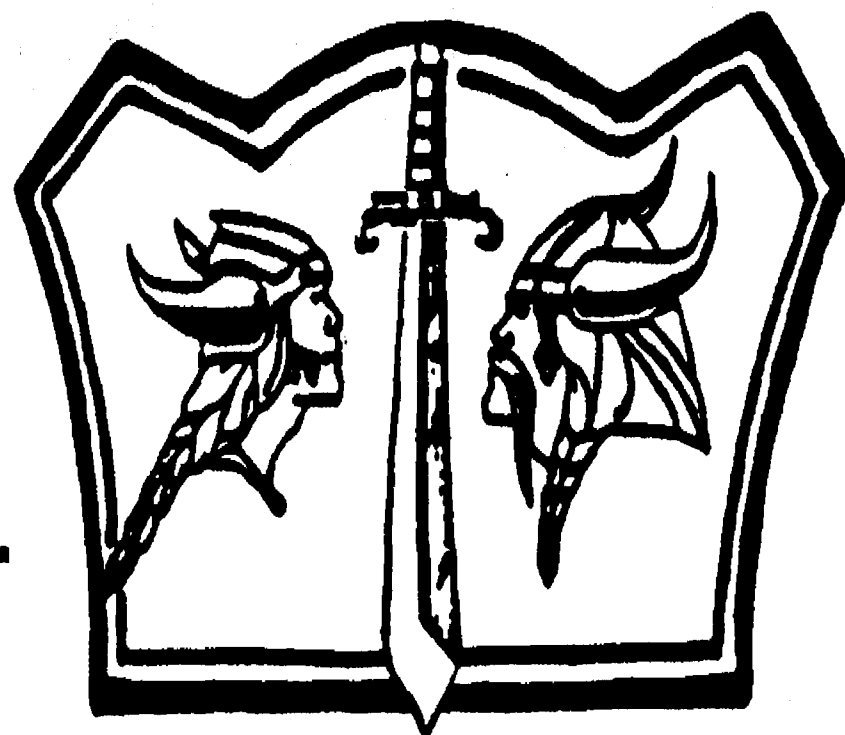
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# Spring CALENDAR

## Other Sports Calendar



### Grayling Vikings City Softball

Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Gaylord	H	4:30	
Roscommon	A	4:00	3:00
Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:00
Houghton Lake	H	4:00	
Elk Rapids	H	4:30	
Kalkaska	A	4:30	3:15
Boyne City	H	4:30	
East Jordan	A	4:30	2:45
Harbor Springs	H	4:30	
Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:30	2:45
Hillman	A	4:00	2:15
West Branch Ogemaw H.	A	4:00	2:15
Oscoda	H	4:00	
Roscommon (not confirmed)	H	4:00	
Pre-Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA
Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA

### Grayling Vikings Boys Tennis

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 20, 2004	Charlevoix	A	4:30	2:30
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Elk Rapids	H	4:30	
Monday	April 26, 2004	Boyne City	H	4:30	
Tuesday	April 27, 2004	Harbor Springs	H	4:30	
Friday	April 30, 2004	Boyne City Tournament	A	9:00	7:00
Tuesday	May 4, 2004	Harbor Springs	A	4:30	2:00
Wednesday	May 5, 2004	TC Central JV	A	4:00	2:30
Thursday	May 6, 2004	TC St. Francis	A	4:30	3:00
Friday	May 7, 2004	Charlevoix	H	4:30	
Wednesday	May 12, 2004	Boyne City	A	4:30	2:45
Thursday	May 13, 2004	Alpena	A	4:00	1:15
Friday	May 14, 2004	Conference Boyne	A	TBA	
Wednesday	May 19, 2004	Petoskey	H	4:30	
Thursday	May 20, 2004	Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday	May 22, 2004	Petoskey Tournament	A	10:00	3:00

### Grayling Vikings Junior Varsity Softball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 13, 2004	Gaylord	A	4:30	3:15
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Roscommon	H	4:00	
Tuesday	April 20, 2004	Charlevoix	H	4:30	
Wednesday	April 21, 2004	Houghton Lake	A	4:00	2:30
Friday	April 23, 2004	Elk Rapids	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	April 27, 2004	Kalkaska	H	4:30	
Friday	April 30, 2004	Boyne City	A	4:30	2:30
Tuesday	May 4, 2004	East Jordan	H	4:30	
Friday	May 7, 2004	Harbor Springs	A	4:30	2:15
Saturday	May 8, 2004	Benzie Central	A	9:30	7:00
Tuesday	May 11, 2004	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:30	
Tuesday	May 18, 2004	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	H	4:00	
Tuesday	May 25, 2004	Oscoda	A	4:00	TBA
Thursday	May 27, 2004	Roscommon (not confirmed)	A	4:00	3:00

### Grayling Vikings Varsity Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Tuesday	April 13, 2004	Harbor Springs	H	5:00	
Thursday	April 15, 2004	Traverse City St. Francis	A	5:00	3:00
Friday	April 16, 2004	Roscommon	A	5:00	3:30
Monday	April 19, 2004	Houghton Lake	A	5:00	3:30
Tuesday	April 20, 2004	Benzie Central	A	5:00	3:00
Thursday	April 22, 2004	Boyne City	H	5:00	
Monday	April 26, 2004	Charlevoix	H	5:00	
Thursday	April 29, 2004	East Jordan	H	5:00	
Monday	May 3, 2004	Elk Rapids	A	5:00	3:00
Thursday	May 6, 2004	Harbor Springs	A	5:00	2:45
Monday	May 10, 2004	Traverse City St. Francis	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 13, 2004	Standish Sterling	A	5:00	2:30
Monday	May 17, 2004	Boyne City	A	5:00	3:30
Wednesday	May 19, 2004	Roscommon	H	5:00	
Thursday	May 20, 2004	Charlevoix	A	5:00	2:30
Monday	May 24, 2004	East Jordan	A	5:00	3:00
Thursday	May 27, 2004	Elk Rapids	H	5:00	
Tuesday	June 1, 2004	Districts	TBA	TBA	TBA

### Grayling Vikings Girls Golf

Opponent	H/A	Event Time	Bus Time
Roscommon	H	4:00	
Alpena Invitational	A	9:00	6:30
Hillman Invitational	A	9:00	7:00
Petoskey/Newberry	A	4:00	2:00
Roscommon	A	4:00	TBA
Roscommon	H	4:00	
Petoskey Tournament	A	TBA	TBA
Alpena	A	4:00	1:15
Roscommon	A	4:00	TBA
Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA

# Luck Vikings

Crawford County Avalanche

Grayling Glass

Rochettes

Grayling Nursing  
Centre

Davenport  
University

Scott McNamara

Dr. Dean O.D.  
Dr. Aubry O.D.  
Dr. Peter Fedor M.D.

Northern Cafe

A Cut Above

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One Stop

Ferrellgas

Riverland

Ole Dam Rd.  
Party Store

KFC

Ralph Oppermann  
D.D.S

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Bloomquist &  
Associates PLLC

Grayling Holiday  
Inn

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Grayling  
Restaurant

Grayling  
Pharmacy

Cliff Wheeler  
Scheer Motors

AuSable  
Construction



# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6780 DE  
Estate of Ronald Dean White  
Date of birth: 11/6/39  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Ronald Dean White, who lived at 2657 W. Krause Rd., Frederic, Michigan died March 25, 2004.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rodney Allen White, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: March 29, 2004  
Rodney A. White  
2657 Krause Rd  
Frederic, MI 49733  
989-731-9874

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Earl T. Miller and Sarina K. Miller, husband and wife to Amerquest Mortgage Company, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 21, 2003 and recorded November 3, 2003 in Liber 657 Page 215 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$71,825.00) including interest 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, May 12, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 3: A parcel of land located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, as described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 20; thence South 00 degrees 08'26" West (recorded as South 00 degrees 08' 00 West) along the West section line 329.13 feet for a point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 56'47" East, a distance of 265.45 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12'55" West, a distance of 164.59 feet, thence South 88 degrees 59'08" West, a distance of 265.24 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08'20" East (recorded as North 00 degrees 08'00"), a distance of 164.41 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Earl T. Miller and Sarina K. Miller, husband and wife by deed dated 1-21-02 and recorded 1-30-02 in Deed Book 0568, Page 449, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

Being the same property conveyed to First National Acceptance Company by deed dated 11-14-01 and recorded 11-21-01 in Deed Book 0560, Page 616, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

Commonly known as 9075 S Grayling Rd, Roscommon MI 48653

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 1, 2004  
Amerquest Mortgage Company  
Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

36150 Dequindre Rd., Ste 810  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
(586) 795-4400 Ext 129  
Our File No. 04-22893

-8-15-22-29-6

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bradley Raymond and Amy Raymond, for the purpose of subordinating all rights and interest including dower/homestead rights, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to American Home Loans Mortgage, dated December 14, 2001, and recorded on December 28, 2001 in Liber 565 on Page 77, in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the PNC Bank, FSB, in assignee by its assignment dated October 13, 2003.

which was recorded on March 2, 2004, in Liber 666 on Page 618 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and 16/100 (\$95,193.16), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 21, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 18, Pinhurst Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 2, 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 18, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
Team W (248) 593-1312

Trot & Trot, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200327688  
Team W

-18-25-1-8

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William L. O'Brien, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 1998, and recorded on September 3, 1998 in Liber 462 on Page 195, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine

And 12/100 Dollars (\$116,889.12), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 28, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township

of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, North Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded at Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 25, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
PC C 248.593.1301  
Trot & Trot, P.C.  
Attorneys For Citizens Bank, a  
Michigan Banking Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #018245F01

-25-1-8-15

## (PROPOSED APRIL 1, 2004) Establishment of Zones for Bovine Tuberculosis Identification, Testing, Permitting, and Movement Requirements (Effective June 1, 2004)

**Modified Accredited Zone (Infected Zone)** - includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle Counties, and those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw Counties that are north of the southernmost boundaries of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest.

### Animal Identification

All cattle must be identified with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Electronic identification eartags prior to movement from a premises within the Modified Accredited Zone. When an animal is identified for the first time, the electronic identification utilized must be an RFID Electronic identification tag assigned to the herd in which the animal resides at the time of identification.

### Surveillance Testing Requirements

All cattle herds must complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle 12 months of age and older, and all goats, bison, or privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test. Registered terminal operations, or feedlots in which all animals are sold for direct slaughter or through a concentration point for slaughter, are exempt from the annual whole herd testing requirement.

### Movement Testing Requirements

#### Movement within the Modified Accredited Zone

• Cattle must comply with one of the following prior to movement: Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or, Originate from a herd which has received a whole herd test within 60 days prior to movement, or, Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

• Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.

• Steers or spayed heifers may be moved to a registered terminal operation, or between registered terminal operations without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

• Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

#### Movement into the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

• Cattle 2 months of age and older must comply with one of the following prior to movement: Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or, Originate directly from a herd that has received a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and the animal was included in the whole herd test and it was completed within 60 days prior to movement, or receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

• Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.

• Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

• Steers or spayed heifers may be moved if they receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement (do not need to originate from a herd that has received a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within the 12 months prior to movements).

### Movement Permit Requirements

A Movement Permit is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from a premises within the zone. A copy of the Movement Permit is required to accompany animals moved from a premises within the Modified Accredited Zone, unless exempted by the Director. All cattle with a destination of a concentration point within the Modified Accredited Zone must receive a new permit that identifies the final destination of movement, prior to leaving the concentration point facility. Cattle do not need to be re-permitted from the concentration point if they are moved directly to a slaughter facility that maintains a RFID Electronic eartag tracking system.

**Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (Disease Free Zone)** - includes the remainder of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula.

### Animal Identification

All cattle must be identified with official identification prior to leaving a premises within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone.

### Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age and older, and all bison, goats, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

### Movement Testing Requirements

#### Movement into the Modified Accredited Zone

A copy of the official accredited herd letter, or official bovine tuberculosis test chart demonstrating that animals meet any required testing requirements, must accompany animals moved from the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone, unless exempted by the Director.

• Sexually intact cattle 18 months of age or older must meet one of the following prior to movement: Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or, Be included in a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test at the premises of origin within 6 months prior to movement, or, Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

• Cattle less than 18 months of age, steers and spayed heifers, or cattle moving to slaughter do not need to meet tuberculosis testing requirements prior to movement.

#### Movement within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

• No tuberculosis testing is required for movement of cattle within the zone, or through a livestock concentration point to a final destination within the zone.

This order revises the order that established zones effective March 10, 2002.

Dan Wyant, Director  
Michigan Department of Agriculture

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

## Crawford County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission Notice of Board Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. The county prefers some banking knowledge. Applications may be obtained and submitted to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, no later than Friday, April 9, 2004, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT USDA - Forest Service Huron- Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District M-72/M-18 Communication Site Project

The Mio Ranger District is considering a proposal to install and maintain a new cellular tower and antenna near the intersection of M72/M-18, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, NESE, Section26, T26N, R1W. If allowed, a special use permit for use and occupancy of National Forest System lands as a communication site would be issued, fall 2004, with installation to soon follow. The Forest would also designate the proposed location a communication site in the Huron-Manistee National Forests Land and Resource Management Plan which requires identifying other compatible types of communication uses that could be permitted for further development if requests were received.

An application was submitted for a special use permit to install a tower and cellular antenna on National Forest System lands. The objective of the project is to fill a cellular coverage gap between Grayling and Luzerne, Michigan. The proposal includes construction a typical fenced cellular compound approximately 100ft. x 100ft., erect a 250 ft. self-supporting lattice type, communication tower with cellular antennae attachments, and installing a pre-fabricated 12ft x 28ft. equipment building. The tower and equipment building would be constructed and available to accommodate additional cellular providers (co-locators) if requested.

Ground disturbance would be kept to a minimum utilizing an existing two-track road for access. Typical construction equipment would be used for installation including excavators, dozers, cranes, etc. and service trucks for testing and maintenance. Electricity and telephone utilities are required and would be brought to the site along the existing road. All utility lines would be buried.

Once constructed, the site would function as a remote station, and not be staffed. Service trucks and personnel would access the site two to four times per month to perform routine testing and/or maintenance.

The tower is located approximately one-third mile from M-72 and M-18. The tower would be visible across the horizon as it would rise approximately 150ft. above the tree tops. The proposed location is requested by the Forest Service to reduced the visual impacts of a tower so close to M-72 and still meet the cellular coverage gap objective.

This notice is an opportunity to comment, offer information, and to state concerns about the communication site, the cellular antenna or its location, as directed in 36 CFR 215. Please send comments to Michael J. Weber, District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 N Court, Mio, MI 48647, or via e-mail: [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us) within 30 calendar days following publication in the *Oscoda County Herald*. When submitting your comments, please include: 1) your name, address and organization if representing one, 2) title of the project you are submitting comments for - M-72/M-18 Communication Site, and 3) specific facts and information or comments with supporting reasons that should be considered.

All comments received in response to this solicitation will become part of the public record and available for public inspection. In order to have standing to appeal this decision under 36 CFR 215, you must have submitted timely and substantive comments or otherwise expressed interest in this proposal.

For additional information or questions about this project please contact Pat Thompson at the address above or by phone at (989) 826-3252, TTY(989) 826-3562 or via e-mail at: [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us)



# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago  
March 26, 1981

Betty's Monogram Shoppe, owned by Betty Cross, recently opened in the Wagon Wheel Cleaning Center.

Winner of the first annual free-throw shoot-out between local media teams was the Crawford County Avalanche, who copped the trophy by a wide margin over WGRY and WQON. Receiving the trophy following the competition during halftime of the Lion's basketball game are Connie Keene, Miss Grayling; Whitey Madsen, Coach and Avalanche Editor; team members Jay Schrader, Joe Schrader and Fay Bovee.

A total of \$1,518.54 was raised by students at the Middle School during their Jump Rope for Heart held earlier this month. Members of the winning team which raised \$220.40 include, Piper Ostrowski, Carrie Stephan, Tina Meldrum, Yvonne Moshier, Kathy Allen and Jenny McEvers.

One new business to arrive in Grayling is the paint and wallpaper store in the old Francois Building.

Dave Wyman is re-siding the other old ice house on the railroad tracks. It's encouraging to know that there are many others interested in the old depot.

Fay Bovee writes in her "Strolling Around Town" column - Am I hearing things, or is the whistle fixed, Jerry? What a

beautiful sound!

Loren Goodale, Sr. is awarded a pin by the Grayling Rotary Club Secretary Bob Radzwion for 38 years of perfect attendance at Rotary meetings. Goodale was a member of the Rotary Club in Plymouth, Mich. prior to moving to Grayling.

The Grayling Business and Professional Women recently selected 22 year old Miss Ilene Geiss as Young Careerist of the Year. Miss Geiss is assistant manager at McDonald's of Grayling and has been with the restaurant since it opened June of 1976.

46 Years Ago  
March 20, 1958

The old Taylor home located at the corner of Peninsular and Ogema Street is being demolished. The house now belongs to Emil Kraus Jr., and Harold Cliff is in charge of tearing the house down.

Feldhauser School P.T.A. group held their April meeting at the school house last Thursday evening.

Workmen are about to begin the moving of St. Mary's Church further back on the lot, placing it in line with the rectory.

The snow storm last Sunday morning should have come last month but instead of all times made its appearance Easter morning.

Last Saturday Grayling residents once again heard the cheery

chimes on the Floyd Davis' curb clock for the first time since the fire which destroyed Dawson's and damaged the jewelry store. Some of the clock parts were destroyed also.

Grayling friends were shocked to hear of the death of John C. Phelps of Saginaw on Easter Sunday, April 6th, following a heart attack. He was born in Grayling August 5, 1906, the son of Sam, Sr. and Etta Coventry Phelps.

69 Years Ago  
March 21, 1935

Mrs. A.J. Scott reports seeing a crow with white wings between Lewiston and Lovells one day the last of the week.

B.J. Callahan has his house on jacks and is in the process of moving it to the back of his lot, expecting to erect a gas station on the front end. This is on US-27 at the Lake Street crossing.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day last Friday, Rev. and Mrs. Hans Juhls were honored at a royal celebration arranged by the congregation of the Danish-Lutheran Church. Two former pastors of the church were present, Rev. Peter Kjolhede and Rev. A. C. Kildegaard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers are the proud parents of a son, born Monday. He will be known as Derek Edward McEvers.

92 Years Ago  
April 9, 1912

The Village Council granted petitions for liquor licenses last Monday night to Chris Hanson

James Foreman, John Benson, Joe Burton, John Larson, William Fischer and James Smith. Licenses were denied the Russell Hotel and Joe LeBeef.

The new express office building is in the course of construction and will probably be finished in two to three weeks.

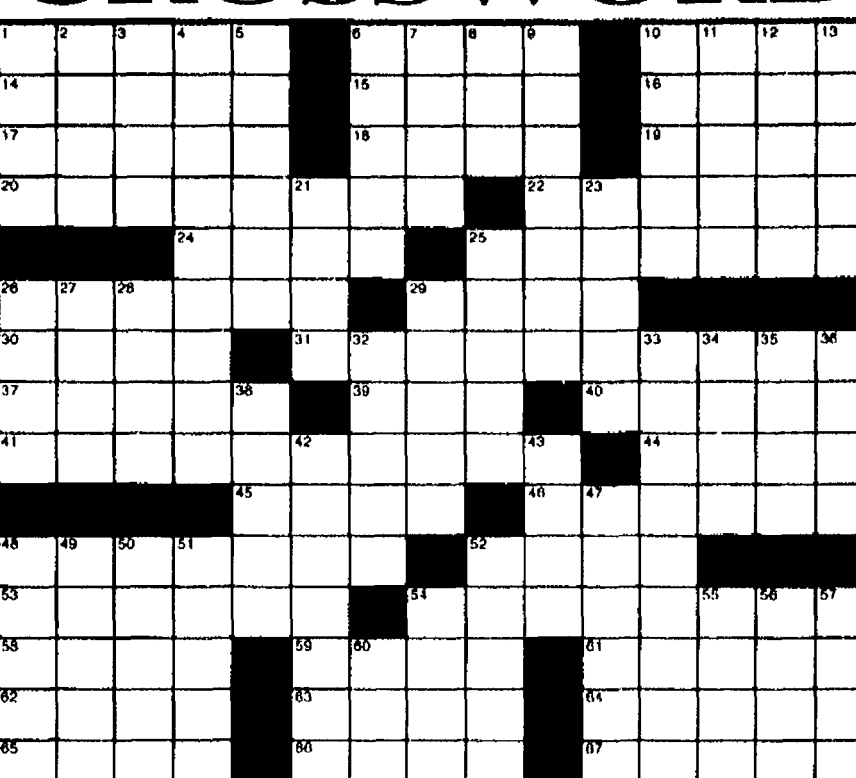
A number of fine new residences will be built here this season. N.P. Olson has commenced excavating for a fine house on Michigan to be occupied by his son, Alfred. John Buntin, electrician for the Michigan Central expects to break ground today for a \$2,000 house. Also T. Boeson expects to build a new house. Lars Rasmussen expects to spend about \$1,000 in improving his house, N.C. Nielson is the contractor for the new buildings.

Charles Decker has purchased land adjoining the Perry Hatch place in Beaver Creek and is putting up new buildings.

The band concert last Monday night was well attended. The trombone and saxophone solos by Francis Reagan and Archie Charron were well received as was also the duet by Messrs. Clark and Peterson. Ambrose Mellstrup greatly pleased the audience by singing "Garland of Old Fashioned Roses." The greatest hit was made by band master Clark and his little daughter Katherine in a violin duet.

Dr. O. Palmer, Mr. Hanson Mr. M. A. Bates and F.G. Walton are attending the state Republican convention in Bay City.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. ... a needle in his eye.
6. Cougar's fur.
10. ... Danza, voice of Mickey Campbell on Baby Talk.
14. Cooked food that has been blended.
15. Acronym for Ottawa Real Estate Board.
16. Canal between Albany and Buffalo, N.Y.
17. Piercing pain in the abdomen.
18. Heather McAdam's role in The Rags to Riches pilot.
19. Narrative of heroic exploits.
20. Segmented worms of the phylum Annelida.
22. Not the former.
24. Threaded bags used to catch fish.
25. Rebel ... movie starring Jack Nicholson.
26. Jean-Paul ... French philosopher, novelist and dramatist.
29. To care for.
30. Mountain range in southwestern Kyrgyzstan.
31. Oldest city in France.
37. ... and raves.
39. Roman numeral for 12.
40. Beauty pageant winner' headpiece.
41. Attitudes with respect to marriage.
44. Out of ...
45. Vases for holding the dead's ashes.
46. Sounds of a snake.
48. Small, brightly colored, spotted beetle.
52. ... Cervi, principal Italian voice dubber for Sir Laurence Olivier.
53. From one side to the other.
54. Deprived of feeling.
58. Mulligan's ... TV show starring Elinor Donahue.
59. ... Reid, Vicky in American Pie 2.
61. Archaic verb meaning "to carry or tear away."
62. British singer known for tune, "Don't Cry."
63. At all times.
64. Degeneres, Margo Van Meter on Open House.
65. ... and ends.

66. Acronym for Distant Early Warnings.
  67. greenweed, woadwaxen.
- ### DOWN
1. Acronym for Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
  2. To alter the course of.
  3. Country formerly known as Persia.
  4. Iron carbide, FE3C.
  5. Johann ... German astronomer.
  6. Bodies of water smaller than lakes.
  7. Leon ... author of Exodus.
  8. Three ... and a Baby, movie starring Tom Selleck.
  9. Large mollusk whose shell is a source of mother-of-pearl.
  10. Exams.
  11. To declaim.
  12. Country between Mali and Chad.
  13. The Wonder ... TV show starring Fred Savage.
  21. Short newspaper piece.
  23. Official examination of financial accounts.
  25. Class of organic substances obtained from certain pines.
  26. Garment worn by Hindu women wrapped around the body.
  27. ... Alda, Eddie Hopper in Betsy's Wedding.
  28. To talk wildly.
  29. Groups of three.
  32. Getting rid of.
  33. Lithely.
  34. Sets down.
  35. Sea eagle.
  36. Baglike structures in animals.
  38. Treats with contempt.
  42. Had confidence in.
  43. Lower part of a cow's foreleg.
  47. Came into use.
  48. Cowboy's rope.
  49. Played a role.
  50. To fear greatly.
  51. Utters a long, distressful cry.
  52. Sailors' tools, clothing and possessions.
  54. To contrive.
  55. Group of turtles.
  56. Always.
  57. Lairs of wild animals.
  60. Abbreviation for avenue.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Lemon Raspberry Trifle

- 1 (10.75 oz.) frozen pound cake, thawed
- 2 (8 oz.) containers lemon yogurt
- 1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/4 cup orange juice (made from frozen concentrate)
- 3 cups frozen raspberries, thawed

Cut pound cake into 1/2 inch cubes. In medium bowl, combine yogurt and whipped topping; mix well. Place 1/3 of the pound cake in bottom of 2 1/2 quart glass bowl. Sprinkle with 1/3 of orange juice. Top with 1/3 raspberries and 1/3 yogurt mixture. Repeat for total of 3 layers. 8 servings.

## Kid's

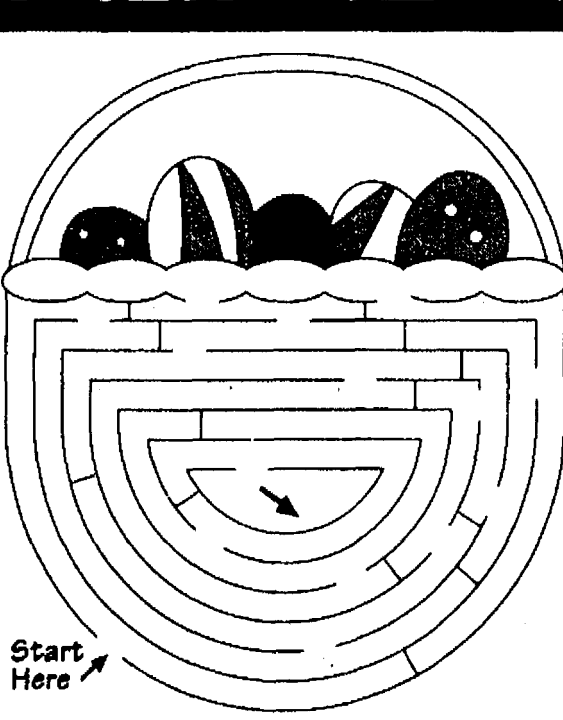
### FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

## DID YOU KNOW ??

The greatest recorded number of children that have been born by one mother is 69!  
16 pairs of twins,  
seven sets of triplets  
and measly 4 sets of quadruplets!

## MAZE



## Adopt a Pet



Josh is a 1 year old German Shepherd mix. He seems to have some manners and gets along with other dogs. He has been neutered, has all of his vaccinations, and has been heartworm tested. Don't forget to have your dog tested for heartworm and put him or her on a preventative vaccine. It could be a life-saver! For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascp.petfinder.com](http://www.ascp.petfinder.com)

There are still enough months remaining in the year to warrant buying a 2004 Pet Calendars for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 20 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain						
3/31	55	30	0						
4/1	45	26	0	High 42	High 43	High 45	High 45	High 46	High 46
4/2	51	27	0	Low 42	Low 43	Low 45	Low 45	Low 46	Low 46
4/3	58	27	0	Low 24	Low 31	Low 32	Low 30	Low 31	Low 31
4/4	49	24	0	All Rain Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers
4/5	35	14	0						
4/6	45	19	0.03						

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of April 8, 2004

 <b>December 22 - January 19</b> An anniversary is coming up. Celebrate with an evening of fun. Something you see leads to introspection. Don't be too hard on yourself.	 <b>March 21 - April 19</b> A conversation at the office disturbs you. Get the facts before you say anything. Now is not the time for misunderstandings.	 <b>June 22 - July 22</b> A tiff breaks out at a family function. Do your best to smooth things over. The deadline on a project at work is extended.	 <b>September 23 - October 22</b> A trip outdoors forces you to rethink your exercise regimen. You're not as fit as you thought—maybe it's time for something a little more demanding.
 <b>February 20 - March 18</b> Zealous coworkers get out of hand, causing a project to go over budget. Don't take it upon yourself to rein them in. Leave that to your supervisor.	 <b>April 20 - May 20</b> Old friends drop by for a visit. Brew a pot of tea, pull out the scrapbooks and take a trip down memory lane. A financial endeavor looks promising.	 <b>July 23 - August 22</b> Overnight guests leave you feeling exhausted. Curl up with a good book and spend some time alone. A memo tickles your funny bone.	 <b>October 23 - November 21</b> Young relatives take advantage of your good nature. Go ahead and keep your promise, but make a mental note not to be such a pushover next time.
 <b>January 19 - February 18</b> Emotions overflow when a relative receives good news. Pop open the champagne and get ready to party.	 <b>May 21 - June 21</b> Time to get organized. Your desk at home and at work is piling up. Sit down, sort through the mess, set some priorities and get busy!	 <b>August 23 - September 22</b> Misfortune befalls a friend. You saw it coming, but don't say, "I told you so." Instead show your support and everything will work out.	 <b>November 22 - December 21</b> Spats surround you. Stay out of them. You don't have the time to play mediator. A friend is hiding something.



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

2.54 ACRES South Branch Twp., nicely wooded w/a partial clearing, electric on site, easement to state land. \$11,500 or best 348-4315. (-1-8/1)

### 1. Real Estate

0 DOWN payment under \$500 mo. P&I on selected 3BR, 2 bath models inc. lot. Call AuSable Valley Homes, 989-344-0424. (-1-8-15-22/1)

### 1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME on 2.25 acres, ranch, three bedroom, two bath, 28 x 28 garage, custom oak cabinets throughout, oak flooring, ceramic, cathedral ceiling, Anderson windows, close to holy waters of AuSable River, must see for \$140,000. 348-5372. (-LR6/17/04/1)

### 1. Real Estate

BUILD YOUR DREAMS with in one mile of city limits, 1.1 acre parcels, \$750 down, 125.86 month payment, call 348-1482. (-18-25-1-8/1)

### 1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 162 Roberts Road. Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/tf/1)

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RETAIL OFFICE SPACE for sale or lease. Up to 3,000 square ft. available on North Business Loop. Up to 1,900 square ft. basement storage available. Will remodel to suit. 941-391-0312. (-8-15-22/1)

FREE APPLIANCES & free drafting - sign a contract between March 1st & May 31st, 2004 to build a new home & receive a \$1000.00 toward appliances plus free drafting of your new home. Call DeShano Construction Company at 1-800-234-0800. (-8-15-22/1)

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS, 1 car garage, storage shed, big yard, close to town. Must see to appreciate. \$91,900. Call 989-889-5101. (4/1/04/tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

DuBois Rental Center. Tents, Tables & Chairs Available for Graduation (989) 348-9000. 5615 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738

### 3. Employment

#### EMPLOYMENT

Soon you'll be graduating, finding a job in your field is important. We can be of assistance. Not only do we have job listings in print but also online! www.avalanche.townnews.com



AVALANCHE

## RE/MAX OF Grayling

EACH OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



**FIXER UPPER JUST OUT OF TOWN** Garage has work shop area in back. Ideal for an investment or first home. Nice neighborhood. House has New Vinyl Siding. Updated Windows, Roof, Hot Water Heater. Sold as is condition. DB-1911 \$48,900



**EXCELLENT LOCATION FOR HUNTING, FISHING, & SNOWMOBILING.** Across the road is State Land with close access to trails, several lakes, and the AuSable River. This mobile home includes all the appliances and furniture, plus it has a 9x23 screened porch. The garage has water & is heated. CH-1915 \$25,000



**SQUARE 2.5 ACRES: AUSABLE RIVER ACCESS 30X34 Log Cabin Kit.** Price includes window, doors. Finish gable half log siding, and Exterior Stain. CH-1913 \$75,900



**5 ACRES, STATE LAND ACROSS ROAD. LARGE COTTAGE THAT SLEEPS 19 PEOPLE 23X28 Great Room.** 2 B/R down plus full loft dorm. Ben Franklin woodstove. State land across road. Easy access to I-75 contents negotiable, excluding table and griddle. CH-1885 \$69,500



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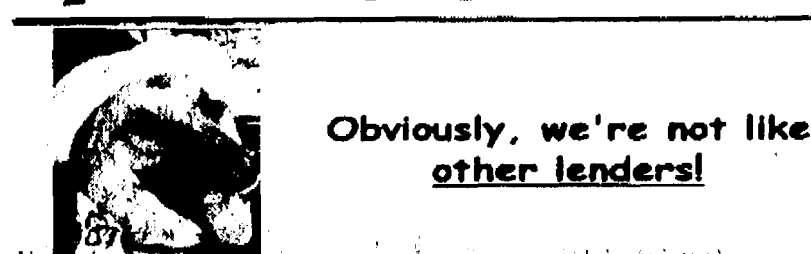
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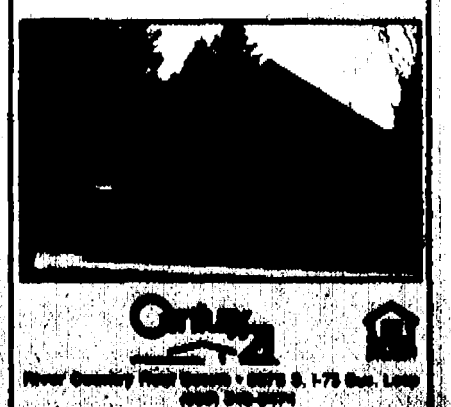
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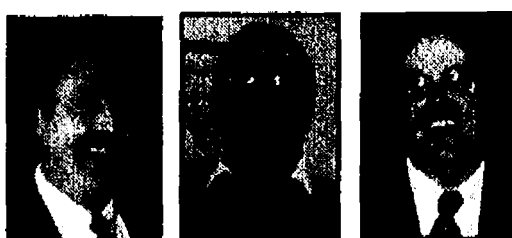
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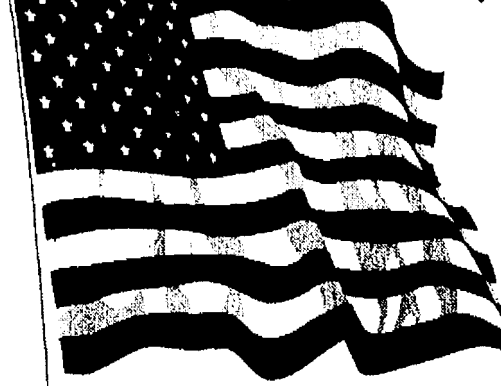


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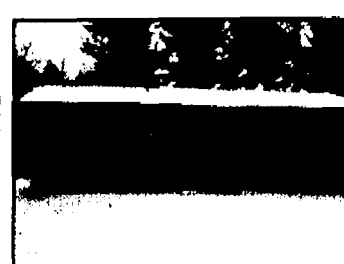
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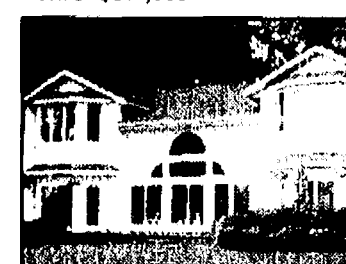
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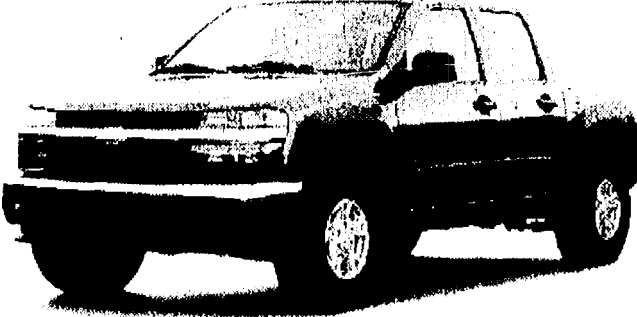
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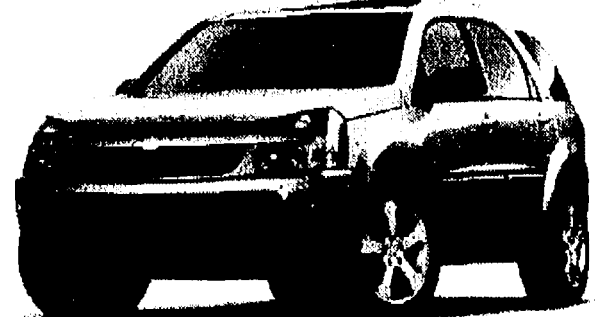
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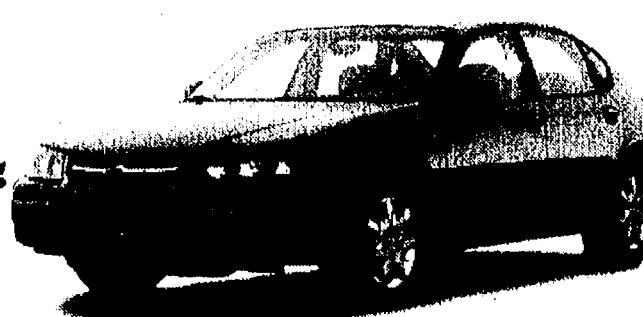
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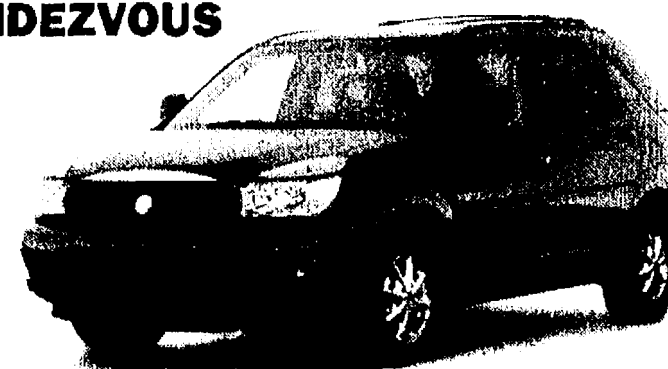
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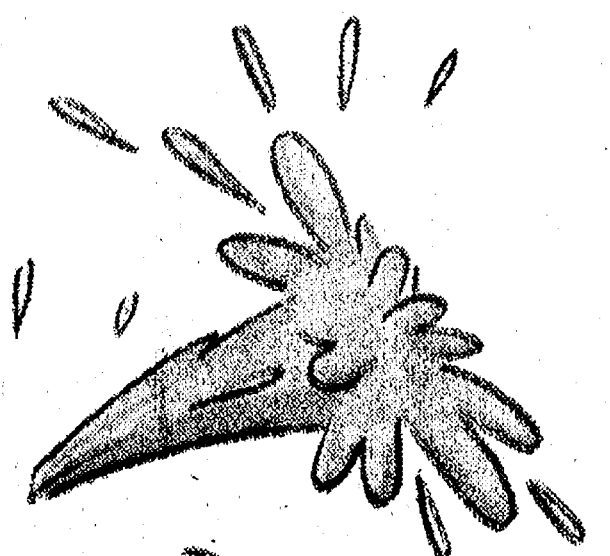




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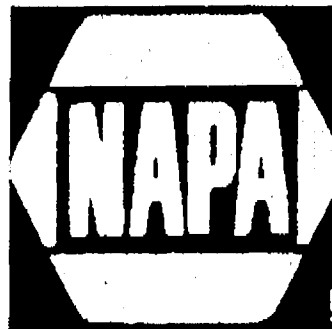




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## Potholes Can Cause Serious Car Damage

(NUI) - Most drivers are familiar with the startling jolt associated with running over a pothole unexpectedly. For some, it also means costly automotive repairs.

"The appearance of potholes brings the potential of damage to vehicle suspension components," said John Nielsen, director of AAA's Approved Auto Repair Network.

AAA, the nation's largest organization for motorists, offers these tips to help protect vehicles against the jarring experience of a pothole encounter:

- Maintain full air pressure in all tires to provide as much cushion as possible between the pothole and the rim of the tire. Consult the vehicle owner's manual for the correct pressure.

- Watch for potholes by leaving plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Before swerving around a pothole, be sure to check surrounding traffic.

- If a pothole cannot be avoided, slow down. Hitting a pothole at high speed increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels, shocks, struts or springs.

- When driving over a pothole-filled road, hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control.

- Do not brake when directly over a pothole. Applying the brakes causes the car's weight to shift to the front of the wheel and can increase damage from the impact.

- Beware of water that may be concealing a deep pothole.

"Hitting even one especially severe pothole could alter the alignment of a wheel and cause uneven tire wear," Nielsen said. "Uneven tire wear means the tire will need to be replaced sooner than necessary."

A broken shock or strut from a pothole encounter could alter the steering and handling of a vehicle and create dangers when driving at high speeds or in tight corners. Broken suspension components should be remedied immediately, he said.

AAA recommends that motorists who suspect their vehicle may have been damaged by a pothole should take it to an AAA approved auto repair facility where it can be carefully inspected and serviced if necessary.

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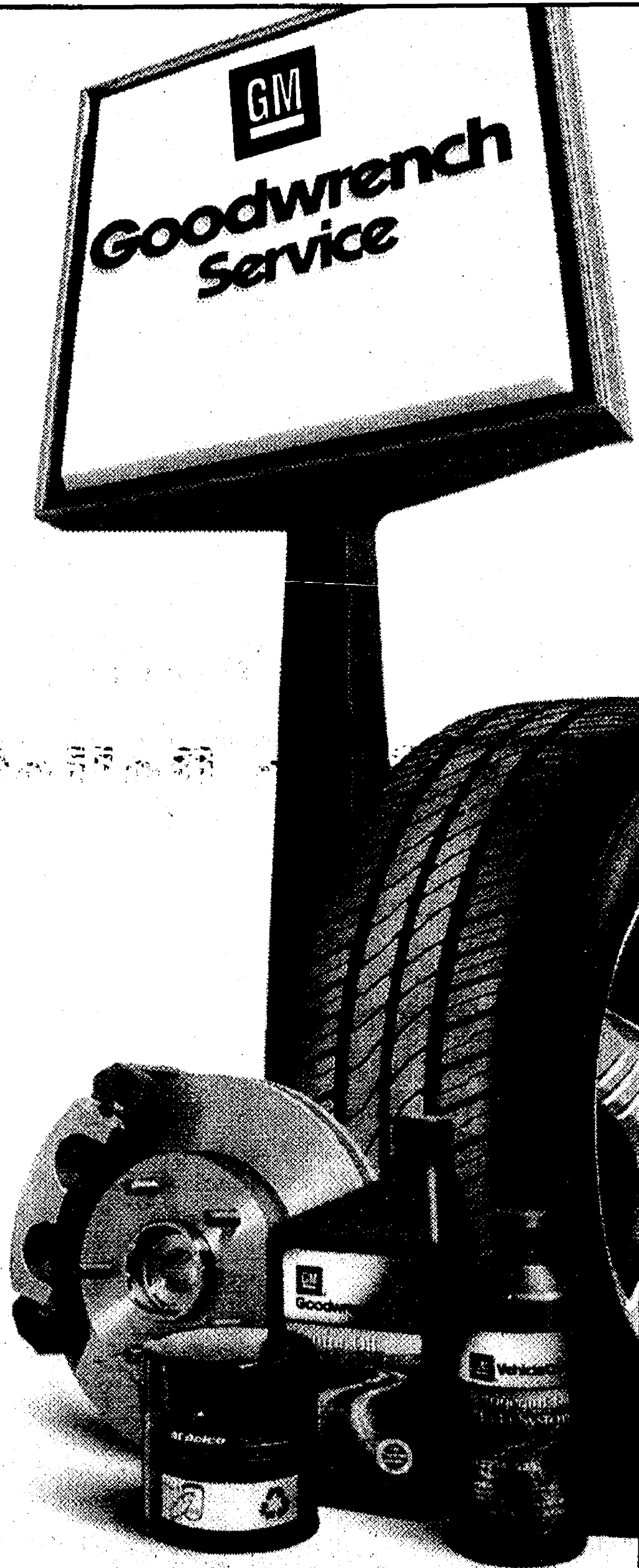
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- Look for replacement rubber squeegees to avoid the cost of buying the entire blade and holder. They're usually easily installed and can restore wiping action, as long as the rest of the components are OK.

Fifteen percent of the vehicles passing through check lanes during National Car Care Month failed because of worn windshield wiper blades. The normal life expectancy of the rubber squeegee is six to 12 months. That's reason enough to learn to do it yourself.



# Tips To Get Your Car Ready For A Summer Trip

(NUI) – With continued uncertainty overseas, the old-fashioned auto vacation is bound to be popular once again this summer.

Nowadays, sport utility vehicles and big pickups have replaced the wood-paneled station wagon, but some things remain the same. Good advance planning can make your trip smoother and more enjoyable.

Of course, these preparations should include vehicle maintenance. The experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence offer the following tips on getting your vehicle ready for summer:

- Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.
- Flush and refill the cooling system according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. Let the

engine cool down before removing the radiator cap.

- Have drivability problems, including hard starts, rough idling and stalling, corrected.

- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians.

- The tightness and condition of belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a qualified auto technician.

- Have a marginally operating air-conditioning system serviced by a qualified technician.

- Change the oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual. Properly dispose of used oil.

- Replace other filters, like the air and fuel filters, as recommended.

- Check the condition of all tires, including the spare. Let tires "cool down" before checking air pressure.

- Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs.

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# Learn The Truth Behind Common Car Care Beliefs

(NUI) – True or false: You should always warm up your car before driving on a cold day. False. Although most drivers may consider this to be true, it can actually cause damage to vehicles if done continuously.

To shed some light on the truth behind common automotive beliefs, the service specialists at Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge provide their car-care expertise on a few important topics:

**Belief:** Do not blast your vehicle's air conditioner when sitting in traffic or while driving at more than 60 mph.

**Reality:** False. Vehicle heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are engineered and tested to operate in even the most severe types of driving environments.

**Belief:** You can check your tire tread with a penny.

**Reality:** True. Simply pinch a penny between your thumb and forefinger so Lincoln's head is showing. Insert the penny into a tire-tread groove. If the tire covers any part of Lincoln's head, then your tires should have a safe amount of tread. Check several locations on each tire to test for uneven wear.

**Belief:** If you still have fuel in your gas tank when you refill it, use the same grade that is currently in the tank.

**Reality:** False. It will not harm your vehicle if you mix different grades of unleaded fuel.

**Belief:** Avoid keeping your vehicle at a constant speed during the first 500 miles of its life.

**Reality:** Maybe. Most new vehicles no longer require drivers to vary their speeds during the first 500 miles, known as the "break-in period." If your vehicle does require a break-in period, varying your speed by several miles per hour should do the trick.

**Belief:** Premium gasoline is best for your vehicle.

**Reality:** Maybe. Most cars are built to run on regular-grade fuel, so using premium fuel will not improve the car's performance. In fact, using premium fuel in a vehicle that was not designed for it can harm the vehicle's performance and fuel efficiency. Check your owner's manual for recommended fuel grade.

**Belief:** City dwellers dealing with narrow streets should not park with two wheels on the curb; it will destroy the vehicle's alignment.

**Reality:** True if done continuously. This practice can cause excessive wear or stress to tie rods and suspension bushings.

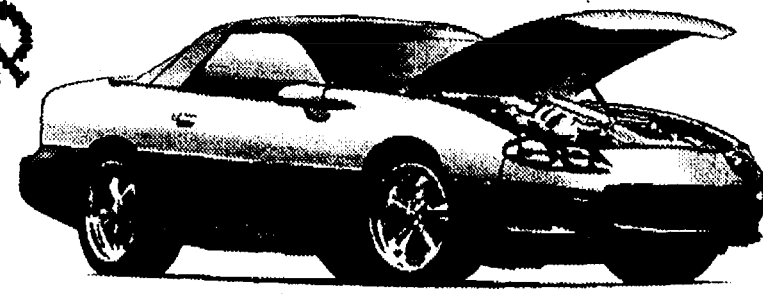
**Belief:** If the steering wheel shakes when you drive, some-

thing is wrong with your brakes.

**Reality:** Maybe. If the wheel shakes as you depress the brake pedal, it may mean your brake rotors are unbalanced. If the wheel shakes as you drive, it may be a wheel balance or steering-related issue.

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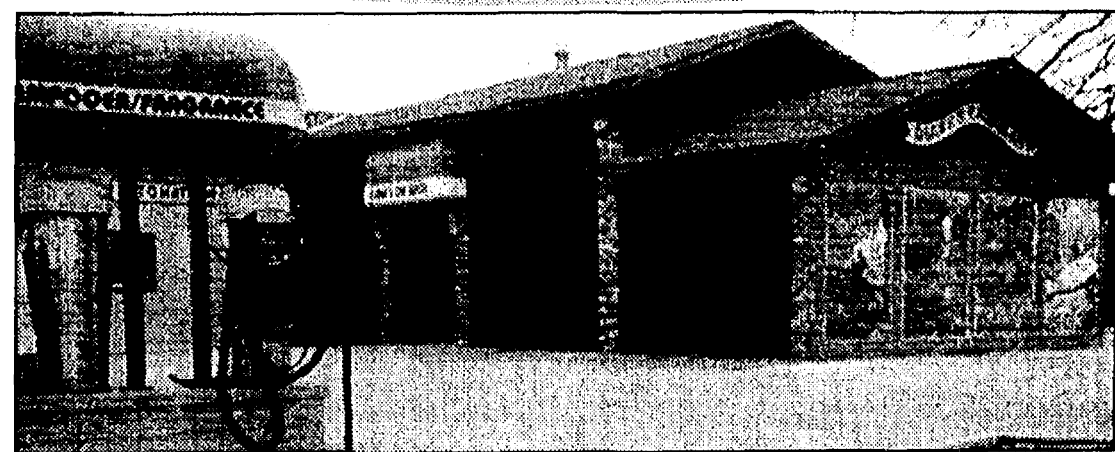
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# Car Repair Costs Increase If Maintenance Is Ignored

(NUI) – For most people, their automobile, truck or sport utility vehicle represents the second-largest purchase they will ever make, behind only their house. So, it makes good sense to protect that investment through regular maintenance.

But according to automotive technicians certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), motorists are not doing a very good job of maintaining their vehicles.

A poll of ASE-certified auto technicians revealed that only 2 percent of customers "always" followed their advice, while just 29 percent of motorists "usually" followed the experts' advice.

Considering the cost and complexity of today's vehicles, consumers could spend more money in the end when they neglect routine maintenance, note ASE officials. They point out that

almost two-thirds of the technicians surveyed said consumers could take care of their maintenance and repair needs for less than \$500 annually.

What items specifically are consumers neglecting? Here are the most neglected items, according to ASE-certified automotive technicians: lube, oil, and filters; transmission; tires; cooling system; brakes; belts; and tune-up.

The downside of all this neglect is shortened vehicle life, compromised safety, lessened gasoline mileage and the likelihood of increased repair costs due to minor repairs ballooning into big-ticket overhauls. For those who do take their vehicles in for routine maintenance and service, there's a big payoff. A majority of technicians said motorists could extend vehicle life by 50 percent or more.

The technicians polled are

among the industry's best, having taken and passed independent national certification exams. Slightly over a third (36 percent) of the participants were college graduates, and another third (37 percent) had graduated from a technical school, while 90 percent use a computer on the job.

ASE was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive professionals. ASE-certified professionals wear blue and white ASE insignia and carry credentials listing their exact areas of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign. Visit [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com) for more information.

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## Avoiding A Stalled Vehicle

The stalled car syndrome, more noticeable on our roadways than in our driveways, has been with us for generations. But it becomes more critical with increased population. Beyond missed appointments or being late for work it also results in the condition known as road rage.

Not only can a disabled vehicle have an annoying "ripple effect" that goes beyond the immediate scene, it can be disastrous for the driver who is left

vulnerable to roadside crime or to the elements.

"Don't blame your car," says Rich White, a Car Care Council spokesperson. "It can't drive itself to the shop and ask for an oil change or new spark plugs."

Considering how dependent we are on our cars, it's surprising how we take them for granted. An old battery or badly worn tire has its way of forewarning us that it's going to let us down, but we tend to wait for the inevitable.

"Nearly eighty percent of the thousands of vehicles driven through our check lanes during National Car Care Month fail inspection. Most discrepancies are due to owner neglect and can be corrected at little or no cost."

The Council stresses the value of periodic checkups. This not only helps prevent traffic jams due to mechanical breakdowns, but also ensures the optimum safety and efficiency of our vehicles.

## Five Tips For Getting Out Of Car Trouble

(NUI) – Do you know what to do when your car sputters and finally dies?

This year, AAA expects to respond to approximately 28

million calls for road service from a membership of more than 45 million car owners. In addition, another 40 million calls for road service will be made this year by other car owners, AAA estimates.

To educate motorists on steps to take when car trouble occurs, a select group of tow truck operators recently recognized by AAA as "Highway Heroes" offers these tips:

- Know before you go. Make sure your vehicle is inspected and maintained by a qualified technician at least annually and before any long-distance trip.

- Stay alert to your location at all times. The ability to accurately describe where your vehicle is, including the name or number of the road and an easily recognized landmark, is one of the keys to speedy rescue and recovery.

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- Remain calm and keep a clear head. The overwhelming majority of all road service situations are easily handled by professional drivers with the right equipment. AAA's tow truck operators pride themselves on providing quick and reliable member services.

To learn more about what to do in case of an automobile breakdown, visit [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com).

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# Does On The Road Again Mean On The Phone Again ?

These days you see more cell phones than ever, and many of them will be on the ears of people behind the wheel of an automobile. Some of these phones and their owners will wind up in car crashes, but don't be too quick to blame the cell phone. Blame the drivers who use them in the wrong place at the wrong time, allowing conversations to divert their attention from the road.

"Hands-free devices make it easy to eliminate reaching and dialing, but it's not about having your hands free," said Rich White, a spokesman for the Car Care Council. "It's about having your mind free to concentrate on

driving. It's best to pull off the road, or even better, call back later."

There are a variety of other situations that can distract motorists, whether they're en route to their vacation destination, or simply driving across town. Many of these can be addressed with little or no money. Examples include:

- Things hanging from the rear view mirror – Take them down. They can obstruct vision out of both the front and rear windows.
- A damaged rear view mirror – Get it repaired. Many of your driving decisions are only as good as the view from your mirrors.

- Worn windshield wiper blades – Replace them. Smeared glass and chattering blades can be unnerving. Blades are inexpensive and you can probably do the installation yourself.

- Torn or frayed car mats – Get new ones. The old mats can catch a heel, diverting your attention and/or interfering with the motion of your foot on the accelerator or brake.

- Droopy headliner – Purchase a kit to reattach it or buy a new one. Material draping down in the back obstructs the view out of the rear window.

- Keeping a pet in its place away from the driver.

Determine what annoyances

you can fix yourself and which ones need professional attention, says the Car Care Council. Take care of them as soon as possible; to delay could mean an accident waiting to happen.

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## Spring Showers Bring Driving Safety Hazards

Worn out tires and windshield wiper blades are symptoms of neglected vehicle maintenance that put drivers and passengers at serious risk during the typically rainy months of spring.

Thin tire treads create hazardous driving conditions when water builds up on the roadway, according to the Car Care Council. Deep tread accommodates accumulated water; thin tread does not. Thin tread causes the tire to hydroplane – ride up

on a film of water, losing contact with the pavement, similar to driving on ice.

The simplest way to check tire tread depth is with a penny. Insert the penny into the grooves of the tread. If you are able to see all of Lincoln's head, the tire needs replacement.

Rainy weather also affects driver visibility. Because 90 percent of driving decisions depend on good vision, a clean windshield is imperative. Streaking

and smearing impair vision and are caused by worn windshield blades.

One out of every five vehicles that went through the Car Care Council's check lanes had worn wiper blades.

"Replacing worn wiper blades is easy and inexpensive," said Rich White of the Car Care Council. "Why put it off until there's a downpour and your blades are chattering and smearing the windshield?"

## Rust: A Nasty Four-Letter Word

Henry Ford told buyers of his Model T they could select any color as long as it's black. Today we see cars in any of 7,000 hues, including shades of rust that won't appear on color chips in new car literature.

"Serious rust damage, including a hole right through the metal, can begin with a minor scratch in a parking lot from a shopping cart," said Rich White of the Car Care Council. "Steel is strong and lasts a lifetime when it's protected, but when that protection is invaded, the metal is exposed to the elements. That's when rust begins its invasion."

Cover paint chips as quickly as possible, White recommends. For a quick fix until you can get some touchup supplies, dab a little clear nail polish on the scratch. Touchup paint can be found for virtually every vehicle ever built, including antiques. Use the paint code number shown on the identification plate

located on a door jamb, in the glove box, under the hood, in the trunk under the carpet next to the spare or wherever else the car maker has hidden it. The owner's manual will tell you how to find it.

"Some uncommon colors will have to be ordered where auto parts are sold or from the Internet. Also available are scratch repair kits including everything needed from preparation to finishing a deep scratch," White said.

Small dents can be fixed with paintless dent repair, a service found either through local automotive suppliers, the classified section of the phone book or on the Internet.

Like so many aspects of car care, preventive maintenance is much easier and beneficial than corrective measures. Maintaining the original integrity of the finish keeps the vehicle in "like new" condition. The basic rules of body and paint

maintenance apply:

Avoid parking in the hot sun; it can damage interior surfaces as well as the exterior. Wash the vehicle frequently, including areas underneath, with mild, safe products. Select and use cleaners and waxes carefully. A cleaner that is effective for one type of finish could be disastrous for another. Consult the vehicle owner's manual to be sure.

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# Five Things You Should Know About Auto Insurance

(NUI) - Do you know how well your auto insurance policy would cover you, your vehicle or a third party if you were involved in an accident? Are you carrying enough or even too much coverage? According to a survey done by the Progressive group of insurance companies, most consumers don't take time to regularly review their auto insurance policy to be certain that it still reflects their needs. Having a better understanding of some basic auto insurance principles and terms could help you be certain you're protected - and could even save you money.

Auto insurance is complicated. Here are five things you should know.

1. **Types of coverage.** There are two general "types" of coverage available to you. One, generally referred to as first-party coverages, protects you and your vehicle. First-party coverages include comprehensive, collision and primary medical, including medical payments and, in some states, Personal Injury Protection (PIP). The second type, called third-

party coverages, protects those to whom you might cause injury. Third-party coverages provide protection for bodily injury and property damage you cause to others.

2. **Use your deductible to save money.** If you purchase comprehensive and collision coverage, you'll be asked to select a "deductible" amount, that is, the amount you'll pay on a claim before the insurance company begins paying. When selecting your deductible level, consider how much you could afford in the event of a crash. Most people select \$500 deductibles because a higher deductible helps to keep the overall cost of auto insurance down.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, increasing your deductible from \$250 to \$500 can save you up to 20 percent on comprehensive and collision coverage.

3. **Make sure your policy reflects your needs.** Have you recently married, divorced, moved, or have a teenage son or daughter who is now driving?

Speak with your independent agent or insurance company to be sure that the coverage you purchased still reflects your needs.

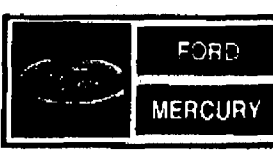
4. **Prices vary.** Auto insurance rates are based on each company's expected cost of doing business, which includes the cost of paying claims. The claims data used by each company generally includes the number of accidents and the cost of those accidents. And, the claims data used varies from company to company, which leads to a large spread in rates available to the same consumer for comparable coverages. In fact, in a study of rates provided to more than 100,000 consumers, Progressive found that the average difference in premium based on a six-month policy for the same driver with comparable coverages was nearly \$600 from company to company.


5. **Go online.** A wealth of information is available on the Internet at sites like [www.progressive.com](http://www.progressive.com).


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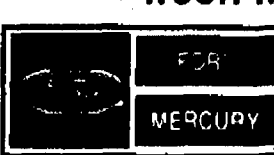
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# Fuel Savings Tips As Gas Prices Soar

With gas prices exceeding two dollars a gallon in many parts of the country, the Car Care Council is offering gas-saving maintenance and driving tips that really work.

"Millions of dollars worth of gasoline is wasted every day by motorists, because simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance is neglected," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "Loose or missing gas caps, under-inflated tires, worn spark plugs and dirty air filters all contribute to poor fuel economy."

The Car Care Council offers these fuel-saving tips:

- **Check vehicle gas caps** – About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

- **Make sure tires are properly inflated** – When tires aren't inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on and can cost a mile or two per

gallon.

- **Replace spark plugs regularly** – A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as 3 million times every 1,000 miles. That results in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug plus causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

- **Replace dirty air filters** – An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture – too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents a gallon.

Fuel-saving driving tips include:

- **Don't be an aggressive driver** – Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent on city streets.

- **Avoid excessive idling** – Sitting idle gets zero miles per gallon. Letting the vehicle warm up for one to two minutes is sufficient.

- **Observe the speed limit** – Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each mile driven over 60 will result in an additional 10 to 34 cents per gallon. To maintain a constant speed on the highway, cruise control is recommended.

Some of the above statistics were gathered from a U.S. Department of Energy Web site, [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

## 147 Million Gallons Of Wasted Gas? It's A Drop In The Bucket

Loose gas caps, underinflated tires, faulty thermostats, worn spark plugs, malfunctioning engine controls, poor wheel alignment and the list goes on. These are among the conditions that daily cost consumers millions of dollars in wasted fuel.

"Something as innocuous as an improperly tightened gas cap, for example, or one that's missing or defective, might seem a minor factor," said Rich White of the Car Care Council. "But consider that 17 percent of the vehicles on U.S. highways have either misused or missing gas caps, causing 147,000,000 gallons of gas per year to vaporize into the atmosphere (source: Service Tech Magazine, September 2000).

"To the maxim 'waste not, want not,' we need to add 'be car care aware,' because most drivers are unaware of the economic consequences of neglected maintenance."

White said the nearly 150 million gallons of gas out of the filler cap are literally a drop in the bucket of waste.

"Among the six worst offenders are underinflated tires and incorrect wheel alignment, conditions which increase rolling resistance. Like driving with the parking brake not fully released, it can cost a mile or two per gallon on a car that normally delivers 20 miles per gallon. "Among other gas guzzlers," said White, "are dirty oil, a mile per gallon; a slipping automatic transmission, another mile per gallon and as much as two mpg for a cooling system thermostat that causes the engine to run too cold.

"Finally, there could be a malfunction of one or more components in the fuel, ignition or emission control systems, especially critical in cold weather driving. The fuel penalty for just one misfiring spark plug is two or three miles per gallon.

"Combining all of these discrepancies into one vehicle, the cost of wasted fuel easily could exceed recent increases in pump prices," said White. "It's what being car care aware is all about."

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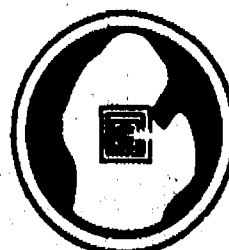
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# Check Your Cool Quotient With A Cooling System Quiz

A fairly common household disaster is flooding of the laundry area due to a split hose on a washing machine. Also vulnerable to a similar disaster is your car. A bulging radiator hose, carrying hot water (coolant) under pressure, can rupture.

Cooling system neglect is cited as a principal reason for mechanical failure of a vehicle. In addition to the danger and inconvenience of a breakdown, the damage to the engine and transmission can add up to thousands of dollars.

Discovering a leaking radiator, hose connection, a sticking thermostat or other cooling system component that's on "borrowed time" can save the life of one's engine.

To underscore the importance of proper care of the cooling system, the Council offers this multiple-choice quiz:

See how much you know about this vital engine system.

Cooling system quiz

1. For maximum freeze protection antifreeze mixture should be:

a. half anti-freeze and half water;

b. pure antifreeze;

c. 70% anti-freeze, 30% water.

2. In the cooling system the thermostat:

a. controls engine temperature;

b. works the air conditioner;

c. modulates the diodes.

3. A radiator cap is designed to:

a. keep water from sloshing out of the radiator;

b. keep the cooling system operating at a specified pressure;

c. last indefinitely.

4. A broken drive belt can cause:

a. overheating;

b. loss of power steering;

c. dead battery.

5. Cooling systems on many cars today:

a. have no water pump;

b. never need to be flushed;

c. are equipped with an electric fan on the radiator.

Answers to Cooling System Quiz: 1. (C) is correct, although a 50/50 solution is adequate for most climates, protecting to -34° F. Never use pure antifreeze. 2. (A) is correct. As stated above, a faulty thermostat, causing an engine to run too hot or too cold, can damage the engine. 3. (B) is correct. And when replacing the cap, be sure to install the right one for your vehicle. Pressure recommendations vary. 4. Because all three functions are dependent upon the drive belt (or belts) all three answers are correct. 5. (C) is correct.

## Hot Weather The True Culprit Behind Car Battery Trouble

Summer is the season for major car-battery problems. Heat, not cold, shortens battery life, says the Car Care Council.

Excessive heat and overcharging are the two main reasons for shortened battery life. Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, this damaging the internal structure of the battery. A malfunctioning component in the charging system, usually the voltage regulator, allows too high a charging rate. That's slow death for a battery.

True, there are more road service calls in cold weather for dead batteries that cause starting failure. That's when a battery's

output is diminished because of sluggish electro-chemical action that gives the battery its power. Also, colder temperatures increase thickness of the engine oil, making the engine harder to turn over. These factors lead to harder starting.

"An average of one out of four vehicles gets a new battery every year," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "Sooner or later all batteries have to be replaced, but having to so prematurely can involve more than the cost of a road service call and a new battery, it can be inconvenient as well."

To get the most life out of a battery, White suggests the following:

### The Road To A Long-Lasting Auto

Auto technicians say the key to keeping vehicles running well today and down the road is routine maintenance. Yet many drivers tend to stall when it comes to keeping up with some everyday auto-basics.

A recent survey by the Car Care Council found:

• 27 percent of cars had low or dirty engine oil.

• 23 percent had low tire pressure.

• 26 percent had inadequate cooling protection.

• 21 percent needed new belts.

• 17 percent had dirty air filters.

• 11 percent had low or contaminated brake fluid.

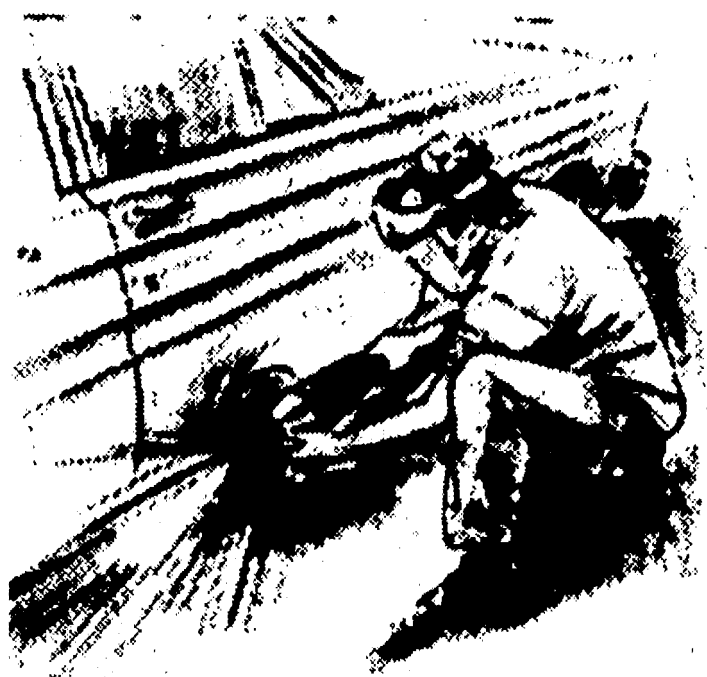
To help drivers keep their cars up to par, the council promotes programs such as National Car Care Month in April, to call attention to the benefits of regular vehicle care.

During the month of April, vehicle inspection events are held in many communities.

The inspections include volunteers checking fluid levels, tires, lights and other system components. After the inspections are complete, volunteers and motorists review any problems that may have been found and motorists receive information about proper vehicle maintenance and repair.

The inspections are usually held in parking lots at shopping malls, schools and businesses and they're generally sponsored by area repair facilities and auto-shops, as well as other businesses, civic groups and radio stations.

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